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AMSTERDAM	-2	28	28 82
BRUSSELS	-2	28	28 82
BUENOS AIRES	18	24	64 75
CHICAGO	1	34	34 93
COPENHAGEN	2	30	30 86
FRANKFURT	7	19	44 66
GENEVA	0	32	32 90
KELLSHAW	5	27	41 81
HONG KONG	18	24	64 75
JOHANNESBURG	14	27	57 81
LONDON	9	18	48 64
LONDON	5	11	41 52
MADRID	-4	25	25 77
MONTREAL	0	32	32 90
NEW YORK	0	32	32 90
OSLO	0	11	52 54
PARIS	0	32	32 90
RIO DE JANEIRO	23	32	90 90
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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Cloudy, scattered rain
Outlook for Sabbath: Same

Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	37	6-15 12
Golan	46	6-14 12
Nahariya	47	8-20 18
Safed	54	6-12 11
Haifa Port	35	13-20 18
Tiberias	36	10-22 19
Nazareth	—	8-16 14
Alula	48	5-25 18
Shomron	39	7-17 15
Tel Aviv	47	10-22 19
A-G Airport	36	8-22 18
Jericho	33	8-23 20
Gaza	58	9-24 19
Be'er Sheva	19	7-22 19
Eilat	27	10-22 21

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The President of the National Farmers Association of France, Francois Guillaume, and Mme. Guillaume and five leading officials of the 700,000-member Association were recent guests of honour of the Farmers Federation of Israel, and Mrs. Itzhak, at their residence in Herzliya Pituah. Also present were leading members of the Farmers Federation and government officials. The French delegation are here as guests of the Agriculture Ministry.

Dr. Shalom Ben-Horin was awarded this week the Great Order of Merit of the German Federal Republic by Ambassador Niels Hansen on behalf of President Karl Carstens in recognition of his efforts for the fostering of Jewish-Christian and Israel-German understanding.

General Kaddish Day

TEL AVIV. — The General Kaddish Day for those who perished in the Holocaust was marked last night with memorial prayers and a special ceremony organized by the Tel Aviv Religious Council at the Great Synagogue.

Falling on the 10th of Tevet fast day, the day is used to say prayers for victims of the Holocaust who left no kin to say Kaddish for them.

BIBLE QUIZ

— The winner of this year's Police Bible Quiz, in which 21 police officers from throughout the country participated yesterday in Jerusalem, was Rav-Samir Rishon Binyamin Basil of the Border Police.

Formal aid request presented to U.S.

By AVI TEMKIN
Israel's request for American aid for 1985 was presented yesterday at simultaneous ceremonies in Washington and Jerusalem.

Although the request does not contain a final sum that Israel is requesting, it states that the uncovered gap in foreign currency expected for 1985 totals \$3.3 billion. This sum includes the need to finance defence purchases.

Treasury officials conceded yesterday that during Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's visit to the U.S. last month, the figure that the Americans seemed likely to agree to was \$2.6b., of which \$1.4b. will be granted as military aid and \$1.2b. as civilian aid.

The Finance Ministry said yesterday that the total expenditure in foreign currency linked to defence imports will be \$3b. in 1983, but will rise to \$4b. in each of the coming two years.

The ministry added that Israel had to spend some \$3.6b. to repay loans and interest during 1983. Some \$900m. of this were paid to the U.S., a sum roughly equal to the total civilian aid the U.S. granted for 1984.

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HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Jemayel: Talks resume next week

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. — The second round of the Lebanese reconciliation talks begun in Geneva are likely to be resumed in Montreux, Switzerland next week, Lebanese President Amin Jemayel said here yesterday.

In a news conference at the conclusion of his two days of talks with British leaders, Jemayel said that the foreign ministers of Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Syria will meet in Damascus on Sunday to confirm the date and venue.

When the talks resume, he said, "we expect to formulate the basis on which reconciliation can be achieved and define the terms of reference of a new government of national unity." He added that one of the main responsibilities of such a government will be to arrange for the withdrawal of foreign forces.

On the agenda for the foreign ministers meeting will be the question of the evacuation of Yasser Arafat and his PLO supporters, Jemayel said.

Jemayel's visit included meetings with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and opposition leaders, as well as an audience with the queen. He emphasized to Thatcher that it is important that British troops remain as part of the Multinational Peacekeeping Force, saying they were respected by all the contending factions.

Jemayel warned of the dangers of a premature withdrawal of the force. An "untimely withdrawal will have grave consequences," and will "undermine all the efforts towards continuing the promising process of reconciliation," he told the news conference.

As for the Lebanon-Israel agreement of May 17, Jemayel made it clear that there is no question of going back on it. On the contrary, he said, "We have to go forward beyond the letter of that agreement."

The most important thing is the "spirit" of the accords and the withdrawal of foreign forces, he said. (Jemayel arrived in Rabat last night for talks with King Hassan.)

Egyptians complain of vandalism

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Egyptian diplomats in Tel Aviv say they are the victims of a campaign of vandalism that has left their cars and homes damaged.

The highest ranking official at the Egyptian embassy, First Secretary Farouk Mabrouk was quoted as saying that there is scarcely an official there who has not been hit.

The embassy has complained to the Israeli Foreign Ministry and police, a spokesman said yesterday. Ministry officials commented that the embassy was not being singled out. The vandalism was "part of Tel Aviv's normal crime."

Egyptian Embassy Press secretary Mahmoud Abdelam said that over the last two or three months vandals smashed windshields and ripped the upholstery of several diplomats' cars and broke into some houses.

Abdelam said he knew of "many cases", but he could not give a precise number or say exactly when the incidents occurred.

El Al pilots told: don't overfly Temple Mount

El Al has instructed its pilots not to fly over the Temple Mount because such flights are forbidden by Jewish law.

Former Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren told them yesterday that the Transport Ministry asked him whether such flights are permissible. He replied that the holiness of the Temple Mount extends to the sky above it. Therefore, there is a fear that religiously observant persons may defile the air space by flying through it, he said.

"When I was in the Israel Defence Forces, I used to take extreme care to skirt around the Temple Mount when I was in a plane," Goren said.

El Al pilots have been taken by surprise by the instruction not to fly over the Temple Mount. Only one El Al flight — the one from Nairobi and Johannesburg — cuts across the southern part of the country and passes over Ramallah before descending for its landing at Ben-Gurion Airport. These flights go over Hebron, not Jerusalem, they said.

The offices of the two chief rabbis reported yesterday they had made no statements to El Al concerning the entire question and were surprised to hear of the matter. (Itim)

KOLBOTEK. — Twenty-seven foreign television stations, mainly in the U.S., have bought the rights to show a report by Israel Television's Kolbotek on fraud at a petrol station in Tel Aviv.

Tomato growers give away produce
By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Sixty-odd tomato-growers from the Eshkol region in the Negev yesterday distributed tomatoes free of charge outside the Fruit and Vegetable Marketing Board headquarters in Rehov Carlebach. The tomato growers were protesting what they termed the Board's faulty production planning, which forced them to lower their prices far below cost.

"Billions of shekels worth of produce go to waste and are destroyed" because of the poor planning, one tomato grower said.

The farmers said the Board had promised them a minimum price for their tomatoes but was refusing to pay it. Meanwhile, they were deep in debt and had already grown the produce. The tomatoes are of the kind exported to the U.S. some years ago and famous for their superior taste and quality. Passers-by eagerly accepted packages of tomatoes from the protesters.

After a few hours of heated discussion among Board members, the Board and the farmers reached an agreement whereby the Board would pay the minimum price it had promised.

Ami Uline, Vegetable Growers Organization secretary, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that the money was delayed due to a misunderstanding in the Board, whose general manager was away. He said the tomato growers burst into the Board meeting in fury, ready to throw tomatoes at everyone, but they finally calmed down when they heard there was no intention of cheating them out of the promised minimum prices.

The marketing body.

The committee also approved a \$9.5 million allocation to Beit Shemesh Engines, a government company manufacturing aircraft engines. The money will be used to strengthen the company as part of the process that the government hopes will lead to its sale to private hands.

RADIO. — The Communications Ministry has added two additional wavelengths on an experimental basis for Kol Yisrael broadcasts in the Jerusalem area: 1440 kilohertz for the First Programme and 1080 kilohertz for the Second Programme.

Greek ships to Tripoli today

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post Middle East Affairs Reporter and agencies
The evacuation of PLO chief Yasser Arafat and his 4,000 supporters from northern Lebanon could commence as early as tomorrow night, following the Greek announcement in Athens yesterday that five Greek ships will leave for Tripoli today.

The Greek government spokesman noted that Greece had received "guarantees from all interested parties" for the safety of the ships, their crews and their passengers. U.S. and French warships will escort the five Greek vessels, he said.

According to reports from Lebanon quoting sources close to Arafat, the evacuation is indeed expected to begin around midnight tomorrow and be completed within 24 hours.

For the past few weeks, Arafat has expressed his fear that Israel would attempt to prevent his departure by sea. He was reported to be seeking an alternative evacuation route by land through Syria, but according to Arab reports, Damascus had vetoed this.

Two of the ships will make their way to Tunisia, and the other three to South Yemen, according to the Greek spokesman.

Despite the impending departure of Arafat and his men, the situation in Tripoli remained tense and local residents were reported as saying yesterday that at least 20 persons had been killed or wounded in a new surge of artillery, rocket and automatic weapons fire.

Washington wants Arafat to leave Lebanon freely

Jerusalem Post Staff
The U.S. has in recent days transmitted to Israel its opinion that PLO leader Yasser Arafat and 4,000 of his men should be allowed to leave Tripoli unhindered.

The U.S. feeling was relayed through unspecified diplomatic contacts, but it is considered likely that U.S. special Middle East envoy Donald Rumsfeld will raise the issue in talks scheduled today with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Political observers in Jerusalem said last night that Shamir's declaration yesterday that Israel would treat Arafat as an enemy should be regarded as increased uncertainty regarding Israel's intentions about the PLO evacuation.

Israel has made feverish efforts during the past few days to persuade the UN and the countries involved in the PLO rescue to ensure that at least the terrorists do not take weapons with them. Defence Minister Moshe Arens yesterday called on "all those enlightened nations that think Arafat should be helped" to demand that he and his men lay down their arms.

Rumsfeld, who arrived in Jerusalem yesterday from Damascus, is expected to reiterate the basic U.S. premise regarding the PLO evacuation: the departure of Arafat and 4,000 of his men represents part of the main objective of getting all foreign forces out of Lebanon.

Among other issues to be discussed, Rumsfeld is expected to brief Shamir on his recent talks in Arab capitals, particularly with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel-Halim Khaddam yesterday. Last night the U.S. envoy met with Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche.

Reliable sources said yesterday that although no change has been observed in Syria's position, the fact that Rumsfeld met with Khaddam at all during such a period of U.S.-Syrian tension is to be considered a good sign. Observers point to Rumsfeld's Syrian visit as a possible attempt to renew efforts to bring Syria into an agreement on Lebanon.



This East Jerusalem money changer was beaten and robbed of \$100,000 by two masked men yesterday evening. Police were checking a suspicious parked vehicle near the Beit Hashoter police club in Jerusalem's Ramat Eshkol district and discovered the man inside with head injuries. (Rahamim Israeli)

Police 'optimistic' about solving Danny Katz murder

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Galilee police chief Nitzav-Mishneh Meir Sadeh yesterday refused to confirm or deny a newspaper report that five suspects had been arrested in connection with the murder of 15-year-old Danny Katz.

The front-page report in yesterday's *Ma'ariv* said five residents of Western Galilee were remanded into custody for 15 days by the Acre Magistrates Court on Wednesday on suspicion of being involved in the murder.

According to *Ma'ariv*, the court prohibited publication of the identity of the suspects.

Sadeh told the *The Jerusalem Post* that he hoped the news blackout would be lifted in the next few days. "I am optimistic that our inquiries are being conducted along the right lines and that we will soon be able to announce that we have solved the case," he said.

The *Jerusalem Post* learned last night that police have carried out a reconstruction of the events leading up to Danny's disappearance from his home in the Danya neighbourhood last Thursday and the discovery of his mutilated body in a Galilee pine forest near Moshav Ya'ad two days later.

Police barricaded the two entrances to Danya for a few hours yesterday afternoon and apparently checked vehicles leaving the area. Sadeh declined to explain this action. "Saying anything at this stage might hamper our inquiries," he said.

The Danya residents committee met last night to consider security arrangements in the area and the alleged lack of public transport facilities, which they say forces their children to hitchhike. Many residents have criticized the police for not doing enough to protect them, particularly in view of previous reports of attempted sex assaults on youngsters by drivers who gave them lifts.

Police inspector charged with thefts during probe

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A police inspector has been charged in the Tel Aviv District Court with stealing thousands of dollars' gold bars and diamonds while he headed a special inquiry into last month's murder of Isar Dzialoszinski. The court yesterday forbade publication of the inspector's name or photograph until it rules next week whether to detain him until the end of the trial. He was arrested as he was about to board a plane for Europe.

According to the charge sheet, the officer, who serves in the central unit in Tel Aviv, examined Dzialoszinski's apartment in the company of Dzialoszinski's grandson, Elihu Hollander. After finding an attic case with \$32,000, the accused suggested to Hollander that they not report the find, because the state would confiscate a third of the sum. The two then agreed to divide the money between them and the accused hid it with a friend, Shimon Gruber, of Tel Aviv.

The two of them also opened a safety deposit box belonging to the deceased which had \$21,000, £290 and DM15,000, the charge sheet says. The inspector got them out of the bank by hiding them in his shoes and clothing. These banknotes were also given to Gruber for safekeeping.

The charge sheet also says that the accused and Hollander also opened another safety deposit box of the deceased's containing gold and silver objects as well as diamonds in a gold box. The diamonds were sold for \$8,000 with Gruber's help and were replaced by cheaper zircon stones.

In addition, the officer is also charged with stealing from the deceased three old Mexican dollars, which were sold by Gruber for \$1,400 each. Also stolen were gold coins later sold for \$530,000, three gold bars worth \$1,300 each and 21 gold medallions.

The prosecution charges that the accused warned Hollander not to tell police about the stolen property and to deny everything if asked, lest they both be jailed.

Final cuts for ulpanim approved

Jerusalem Post Staff
The Ministry of Education Culture yesterday announced final plans for budgetary cuts for intensive Hebrew-language courses (ulpanim). Ministry Direct General Eliezer Shmueli approved the final cuts, which were decided upon by representatives of ministry's planning and education departments.

A ministry statement yesterday announced it was decided that ulpanim will be checked to ensure that only persons in the country more than three years are enrolled. Audit is to be completed December 20, after which bud are to be cut accordingly.

Similarly, the ministry is to allocate budgets to kibbutz ulpa after it receives data from them the number of students meeting new criterion for enrolment. In meantime, the kibbutz ulpanim continue to operate, but new cla will not be opened.

The ministry also announced closing and mergers of 16 teac seminars over the past six year an effort to improve the qual instruction. Three of these are closed by the end of this scl year.

Shmueli stressed that the mini would continue this policy in c ing years.

Jerusalem Arab denies selling house to Jews

By MICHAEL EILAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Mahmoud Issa Abu Snehineh, owns a house in the Moslem qu of Jerusalem's Old City yeste denied that he had sold his hou the Ateret Cohanim yeshiva.

Abu Snehineh said he had been proached twice to sell his h, which is adjacent to the Bi Avraham yeshiva, but had refi to do so. Abu Snehineh and his fily left their home and move Hebron last April because of he described as consistent ha ment by students from Bi Avraham. He now lives in Heb

Abu Snehineh said yesterday before an outburst of violence yeshiva students last April, refused an offer of \$14,000 for small home. A few weeks ago was offered \$22,000, and refused. Abu Snehineh said. He that he now lives with 13 mem of his family in one room and a in Hebron, and that if he had m he would move to a better pla

The police yesterday rele Abraham Dwek, the Ameri patron of the Birkat Avral yeshiva, from custody, a day he his remand order expired. He released — on \$590,000 bail — parently because plans to dem illegal building in Birkat Avral have been postponed until a hea in the District Court on Sun morning.

Limoges sinks Macca

Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Limoges of Fra defeated Maccabi Tel Aviv by to 95 in a European Cup basket match last night at Yad Eliahu.

Maccabi got off to a great s and led 15-7 before the French tied down. But after that the g was remarkable for the brillian fence of the visitors.

Maccabi could find no answe Ed Murphy, the shooting guard cut his way through the Mac defence almost at will. Macc only consolation was that Mic Berkowitz scored 40 points Murphy's 39.

The Memorial Service for our beloved founding President

Rabbanit SARAH HERZOG ז"ל

will take place א"מ on Wednesday, December 21 (Tavet 15) at the Sanhedria Cemetery, Jerusalem at 4.00 p.m.

World Emunah

On the thirtieth day after the passing of our beloved

Dr. LEO SCHINDEL ז"ל

there will be a graveside memorial service and unveiling of the tombstone on Tuesday, December 20, at 2.30 p.m., at the Givat Shaul cemetery.

We sincerely thank all friends who expressed their sympathy.

The Family

On the first anniversary of the death of our beloved

Judge SHALOM KASSAN ז"ל

there will be a graveside memorial service at the Mount of Olives Cemetery, Jerusalem, on Tuesday, December 12, 1983 at 3 p.m.

The Family

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on the death of her dear

Father ז"ל

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of Kiryat Shmuna

Friedrich and Berta Weinreb and Greta Becker and Family

בית האבות

Final approval for up to 100 temporary injunction stops ban

Nahariya buses get Sabbath reprieve

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Egged bus service to and from Nahariya and within the city will be suspended tomorrow despite a temporary injunction obtained by the Nahariya municipal council yesterday in the High Court of Justice. The council contends that transport Minister Haim Corfu's decision to curtail Shabbat bus services in their city (and in Afeka and Azorah) was an arbitrary act based on coalition politics, and that Nahariya would suffer discrimination compared with other cities where Shabbat bus service continues unhindered.

Justice Moshe Beisky directed Corfu and Ben-Shaul to show cause within 45 days why they should not lift the ban.

According to the "status quo" agreement on religious matters reached by David Ben-Gurion and leaders of the Orthodox parties in 1948, bus service was to be suspended on Shabbat and other Jewish holy days all over the country except in Haifa, where buses had operated on those days when the state was proclaimed. Despite the agreement, Egged soon established Shabbat bus service in several parts of the country — including Nahariya — and this service has continued unhindered by all governments so far.)

Tourism Minister Avraham Shafir said yesterday that while he favors living up to promises made by the prime minister to the government's religious-party coalition members, "sometimes certain facts of life allow you to violate your promises, and this is a case in point."

In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* during a visit to Acre yesterday, Shafir said he has no doubt that the stoppage of public

transport to and from Nahariya would harm the tourism in Western Galilee. He intends to raise the issue in the cabinet, he said.

Knesset member Mordchai Virshupski (Shinui) said yesterday he will present a private member's bill that would authorize local authorities to operate their own public transport systems "so that Israelis in non-Orthodox communities may travel as they please on the sabbath."

In Tel Aviv, the Labour Party issued a statement condemning the ban since it "would upset a service that has been in existence since the state was established — a service that the government now wishes to stop because of pressure from religious coalition partners."

In Jerusalem, the Movement for Progressive (Reform) Judaism said that "while recognizing the importance of Shabbat observance as preserving the uniqueness of the Jewish people in its land," it wants Egged to continue its Shabbat bus services.

Missing cabbie found murdered

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The body of a murdered man found in Holon yesterday morning and that of a man found near Netanya on Wednesday afternoon have provided tragic answers to the story of at least one missing son.

The body of the murdered man, who was most definitely identified as Uri Yisrael, the Lod taxi driver who disappeared 11 days ago, was recovered in the Holon industrial zone.

The body was found hand and footed and stabbed in different places. The murder probably did not take place in the town patch where the body was found. The body was most likely dumped there after the murder, police sources said yesterday. The murder investigation has been cloaked in secrecy.

The woman's body, found near Netanya, has still not been identified. Police sources said yesterday the body was in an advanced state of decomposition and the woman was probably murdered several weeks ago.

The police speculated that the body may belong to soldier Orly Dubi, who disappeared from Netanya about a month ago.

At 8:30 yesterday morning a 16-year-old boy from Gaza, who works in Holon, found the man's body among thorns behind a pile of garbage in an empty lot about 20 metres from Rehov Manor. The boy called the police.

The police found documents and receipts made out to Uri Yisrael of the body, making the identification almost certain. District Police Commander Nitzan Avraham Turgeman said the man was murdered, but left the final identification to the forensic institute.

Yisrael left his home in Lod at 4 a.m. on Monday last week to start work. At Ben-Gurion Airport, he picked up two young passengers who wanted to go to Tel Aviv. That was the last anyone saw of him.

Some time later, his taxi was found in Kfar Shaleim with its doors wide open and a small blood stain, probably an old one, on the front sunshade. A large sum of money, Yisrael's earnings, was found intact in the taxi, ruling out robbery. No trace of Yisrael was found.

Yisrael's family offered a reward of \$500,000 to anyone who could find him.

Nitzan Turgeman has appointed an investigation team including detectives and intelligence officers from the Coastal Plain police division and from the Ben-Gurion Airport police. The team is headed by Rav-Pakad Albert Abuhatzeira.

Demand extended for Nablus killing suspect

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The man held in connection with the murder of an 11-year-old girl and the attempted murder of her nine-year-old sister in Nablus last Thursday is suspected of being the murderer to and from scene of the crime, the police said yesterday.

The suspect, Ephraim Siegel, 27, Elon Moreh, was remanded into custody for an additional three days. District Court Judge Avraham Shafir yesterday, following the district attorney's appeal against the Nablus Magistrate's court decision yesterday to release him, ruled that he must remain in custody to examine the evidence.

Siegel is suspected of driving the car to Nablus, the district attorney told the court yesterday. By

Siegel's own admission, the district attorney said, he was present when local residents threw stones at a Border Police unit, although he originally denied this when questioned by police.

The district attorney said Siegel parked his car about 40 metres from the murder scene and fired his M-16 rifle in the air to deter stone-throwers, while the other man slipped down an alley and entered the bakery, where he shot the two girls, apparently with an Uz submachine gun. Aisha Adnan al-Bashir was killed outright and her sister, Fida, was badly wounded. No witnesses were present, added the district attorney.

The murderer then returned to Siegel's car and the two hastily drove away, the district attorney said.

Siegel was remanded for four days at the beginning of this week and on Wednesday the police asked the court to extend his remand by 15 days.

At yesterday's hearing, the district attorney also addressed the question of Siegel's not being identified during the police line-up, a point cited by the Nablus judge in ordering Siegel's release. Siegel, the district attorney said, wore eyeglasses at the line-up, which he does not ordinarily wear, and did so to mislead the witnesses.

The district court yesterday also extended the ban on publishing Siegel's photograph till Sunday morning. Siegel read silently from the Book of Psalms throughout the hearing.

El Al 'doomed' if it can't fly on Saturdays

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — El Al has lost some \$30 million in less than a year as a result of not flying on the Sabbath and other Jewish holy days and as a result of months of closure, Moshe Levy, in charge of transport workers in the Histadrut, told Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad Wednesday.

Levy wrote that as long as El Al is grounded on Shabbat, its losses will continue to increase, dooming the airline and its workers.

Levy cited cases of other plants in Israel to which continuous production is vital and which do not close down on weekends. "Why the discrimination against El Al?" he asked.

Since the implementation of El Al's recovery programme, Levy wrote, some 1,000 workers have been fired and the pay conditions of the others have changed for the worse. The airline now runs to time, its planes are almost full, and if given a fair chance it could compete successfully against the foreign airlines operating to Israel, Levy said.

The man, David Ifargo, 50, was convicted 62 times between 1953 and 1982 for offences including fraud, theft, physical violence, use of false documents, and not reporting for military service, as well as passing bad cheques.

Ifargo asked Judge Ya'acov Ganan to impose a long suspended sentence instead of an active sentence, because his wife is unable physically or emotionally to care for their seven children. He also said he needs medical care because he has only one lung and one kidney.

Father of 7 jailed for passing bad cheque

BEERSHEBA (Itim). — A man with severe physical disabilities and the father of seven was yesterday sent to prison for a year and given a half-year suspended sentence for passing a \$4,800 cheque without cover. The court said it was dealing harshly with him because he is a hardened criminal.

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Soccer Preview Double-header at Bloomfield

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — First and second in the National League again provide the football fare at the Bloomfield Stadium in Jaffa, where Hapoel Tel Aviv play Maccabi Yavne and Bnei Yehuda entertain Maccabi Haifa.

Hapoel Tel Aviv lead the table by two points from Bnei Yehuda, but were not impressive in their 1-0 win in Haifa last Saturday. Only fine goalkeeping by Bejerano and a sterling game by Ya'acov Eckhaus in defence enabled the Tel Avivians to acquire those three points. It will need an improved showing to satisfy their home fans against plucky little Yavne, and Moshe Sinai, Gil Landau, Shabtay Levy and Rifat Turk are under pressure to provide it. Avi Eisenberg is the man to watch in the Yavne attack: last week he notched a 90th minute goal to down Bnei Yehuda.

Uri Malmilian appears to be an extremely doubtful starter for Bnei Yehuda. Although not fully fit he played for the last 15 minutes against Lod on Saturday. It is hard to explain why he did this, as Bnei Yehuda were already 2-0 up at that stage. Why risk Bnei's most precious player?

By now Bnei must be feeling totally at home at Bloomfield as they have played all their "home" games there this season. Their forwards have scored 21 goals compared to Maccabi Haifa's meagre nine goal tally, but Haifa should soon show marked improvement once Zhai Arneli blends in as spearhead of the Haifa attack.

Maccabi Netanya continue to flounder at the foot of the table, and they can say goodbye to even the faintest hope of retaining the championship title they won so easily last season. For Netanya it is now a fight to get out of the relegation zone. New coach Arne Redler is trying to tighten discipline at the club, and star defender David Pizanti was in trouble with the coach this week. If the team can strike form they should win in Petah Tikva, but who can tell anything about Maccabi Netanya this season? They have won only one game and conceded 22 goals, and won should not forget that Maccabi Petah Tikva won 2-0 in Beersheba last Saturday.

Fans at the Haifa Quarter will see their Bnei Yehuda face the team from the Yemenite Quarter in the "little Tel Aviv derby." Shimon Shmida started the season well and beat Hakoah 3-0 last week, but Bnei Yehuda have been a dismal disappointment to their supporters. If Bnei Yehuda lose again, I would not bet any money at all on Yankele Grundman keeping his job as coach.

Supreme Court rules Strict limit on arms use even during disturbances

The use of firearms even during disturbances is strictly forbidden, the Supreme Court ruled yesterday. Such weapons may be used only if the responsible authority designated by law so authorizes, or when the people who fire the weapon do so to protect themselves from danger, the court added.

The court made this ruling when it reduced to six months the prison term of Eliezer Itzkovitz of Kiryat Arba, who appealed the sentence of the Jerusalem District Court. The lower court had sentenced Itzkovitz to a year's imprisonment after convicting him of wounding an Arab boy from El-Bira with his pistol during a disturbance on July 4, 1982.

The authorities are obligated to protect all persons subject to them from loaths and hooligans, the court said.

But the court said, it was convinced that Itzkovitz was not a hooligan, but an upright citizen who lost control of himself and he had expressed his sincere regret over what had happened, it said.

Itzkovitz, an employee of the El-Bira municipality, pursued a gang of Arab boys who, he said, were throwing stones at the two hall. During the chase, he fired at the boys and wounded one of them in the back.

El-Bira, which adjoins Ramallah, is governed by a council appointed by the Judea and Samaria Civil Administration, which dismissed the town's council and mayor in June, 1982. In allowing Itzkovitz's appeal, the Supreme Court said the sentence of the district court was excessively severe. The district court judge had erred in comparing what Itzkovitz had done with the "notorious behaviour of hooligans in Hebron," one of whom was sent to jail for a year for shooting at a girl and wounding her.

The court pointed out that on the day that Itzkovitz fired at the boys, residents on El-Bira had earlier gone on a rampage against Jews. The boy that Itzkovitz had wounded was seen throwing stones during that incident. Nevertheless, the court said, Itzkovitz was not acting out of self-defence and did not have permission to use a fire-arm.

The bench consisted of Justices Menahem Elon, Moshe Beisky and Dov Levin. (Itim)

Agency promises newcomers that it will fight for housing

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jewish Agency has promised to help the various olim associations in their fight for housing and jobs for newcomers.

The heads of eight olim associations met yesterday with Jewish Agency Executive Chairman Aryc Dulin and Agency aliyah department director-general Yehuda Dominitz. Represented were the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel, the British Olim Association, and heads of the two Russian olim associations and of those from South Africa, Holland, North Africa and Latin America.

The association representatives expressed anger that some eight years after the Horev Commission on aliyah and absorption recommended a single address for aiding newcomers, the Jewish Agency and the Absorption Ministry continue to divide responsibility between them.

They also maintained that 30,000 recent olim are waiting for permanent housing.

"They see no hope of ever having an apartment of their own," said the association heads. The government's policy of reducing the number of government-owned flats allocated to new olim and offering instead partial mortgages for flats on the private market was criticized. Many olim, the spokesmen said, lack the money to make up the difference between the mortgages and the cost of the flats.

There are worrisome signs of increased unemployment among new olim, and increased difficulty in newcomers finding jobs, they said.

Dulin said that relations between him and Absorption Minister Aharon Uzan — tense for over a year — are now relaxed, and that the two have agreed that the joint committee of government ministers and Jewish Agency officials will meet regularly, possibly once a month, to coordinate policy.

Dominitz promised that he would go with the olim association heads to government officials to lobby for more housing.

Prices of printing services in Jerusalem irk publishers

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Undemanding government agencies who pay "any price quoted" for printing services have driven prices so high in Jerusalem that many book publishers here are taking their production jobs elsewhere — even abroad.

This was one of the complaints raised yesterday at an emergency meeting of Jerusalem-based book publishers, at the offices of Magnes Press publishing company. According to the publishers, production prices have soared so high to the capital that book prices must be set "well above reasonable levels, a fact of life we are feeling in our sales figures."

Magnes managing director Ben-Zion Yehoshua said: "Between October, 1982, and October, 1983, the Consumer Price Index rose by 154 per cent while the Printing Inputs Index increased by 222 per cent. Those are nationwide figures. But here in Jerusalem, printing, binding and other production costs have gone up between 30 and 40 per cent more than the national levels."

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Israeli firm to repair U.S. combat vessel

HAIFA. — The Israel Shipyards has been awarded a contract to repair the U.S. Sixth Fleet assault troop-landing ship, the USS Trenton, which arrived here from off Beirut on Wednesday, *The Jerusalem Post* learned.

The job, described as a major repair, is expected to take about a fortnight and will cost tens of thousands of dollars.

This is the first time that the Sixth Fleet is sending a combat ship to the Israeli facility for repairs.

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Iraqi jets again hit Iranian towns

BAHRAIN (Reuters). — Iraq yesterday mounted air strikes against Iranian towns for the second successive day, as Iran warned that its patience with such attacks was wearing thin.

An Iraqi military spokesman in Baghdad said Iraqi jets had hit at "selected targets" in the southwest Iranian city of Ilam and the border town of Dehloran.

The official Iraqi news agency INA quoted him as saying the attacks were further retaliation for last Monday's wave of bomb blasts in Kuwait, and for Iran's insistence

on prolonging the three-year-old conflict. Baghdad has blamed Iran for the bombings. The latest Iraqi raids follow missile and air strikes on five Iranian towns on Wednesday in which Iran says 29 persons were so far known to have died, with more than 300 injured.

The speaker of Iran's parliament, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, said in a comment on Wednesday's raids that Iran would preserve its patience, although this had limits. He reaffirmed Teheran's denial of involvement in the Kuwait bombings.

Kuwait rounds up bombing suspects

KUWAIT (AP). — Police have arrested scores of suspects in Monday's blasts at the U.S. and French embassies and at key Kuwaiti installations, sources close to the government reported yesterday.

The sources said police dragnets have picked up scores of suspects

including Kuwaiti and Iranian Shiites.

About 100,000 Iranian expatriates work in Kuwait. Their loyalties are believed to lie with Iran's leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. Khomeini has threatened to export his Islamic revolution to the nearby Gulf states.

Walesa vows he will appear at union memorial today

WARSAW (AP). — Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, recovering from a fever that prompted him to ignore a police summons, vowed yesterday to lay flowers at a Solidarity memorial today "even if I have to crawl there."

But the 1983 Nobel Peace Prize winner said he may have to cancel plans to deliver an unsanctioned speech if security is too heavy

around the monument outside the Gdansk shipyard where Solidarity was born three years ago.

Contacted by telephone at his Gdansk apartment, Walesa told the Associated Press he has refused to cooperate with Communist authorities trying to arrange a new date for him to undergo interrogation on an unspecified subject at Gdansk police headquarters.

Caller demands ransom for holy tunic

PARIS (AP). — The thieves who stole the "Tunic of Jesus" will return it in exchange for the release of three prisoners and a 300,000-franc (\$53.5 million) donation to the outlawed Polish labour union, Solidarity, according to a newspaper report Wednesday.

The leftist daily *Liberation* said an anonymous telephone caller delivered those demands in three calls to the newspaper's office.

The tunic, which church authorities say ranks with the Shroud of Turin, was stolen late Monday or early Tuesday from a church crypt in the northern suburb of Argenteuil where it has been kept since 800.

The maroon, seamless woollen robe is alleged to have been worn by Jesus before his crucifixion and said to have been the one on which Roman soldiers cast lots while he died on the cross.

The caller said the robe would not be returned until three suspected members of the French anarchist terrorist group Direct Action were released from prison, *Liberation* reported.

"We also demand that the church give 300,000 francs to Solidarity," *Liberation* quoted the caller as saying. "The church can pay because it has the money of the prince of Monaco. And besides, Jesus Christ is a revolutionary who was killed by religious imperialists."

Bolivian cabinet quits after strike

LA PAZ (Reuters). — The Bolivian cabinet resigned Wednesday night after a 48-hour general strike paralyzed the country's economy.

The move was intended to allow the formation of a government of national unity and to establish a political and economic truce. Foreign Minister Jose Ortiz Mercado told a press conference.

In their letter of resignation to President Hernan Siles Zuazo, the 18 ministers accused the opposition-dominated Senate of planning a "constitutional coup" against the left-wing government.

The cabinet quit after a stormy debate in the upper house, where centrist and right-wing senators called on the government to justify tough austerity measures adopted last month.

The austerity package, which included a 60 per cent devaluation, led to a 24-hour general strike on November 21 and this week's 48-hour stoppage.

NATO bemoans gap with East

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — NATO commander General Bernard Rogers said yesterday the alliance's resources are so small that it might be forced to turn to nuclear weapons if the Soviet Union and its allies start a conventional war.

"Should NATO be attacked conventionally by the Warsaw Pact, I would have to request the release of nuclear weapons fairly quickly," he told a news conference.

But he said he would much prefer NATO countries to increase their spending to enable the alliance to sustain a longer conventional war.

NATO manpower was short, munition stocks were low and there was not enough pre-positioned war equipment in Western Europe to support NATO forces for very long, he said.

Rebels claim credit for blast

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP). — Nine Soviets and a dozen other persons were killed by a bomb at Kabul University in the Afghan capital last week, Afghan rebel sources said yesterday.

Among those killed were two Soviet advisers, a doctor and six Russian-language translators, according to the rebel sources. The report could not be independently confirmed.

Many others were said to have been injured in the blast, which reportedly demolished a wing of the education faculty.

Moslem insurgents, claiming responsibility for the explosion, said a high-intensity time bomb was planted in the basement of the building. Western analysts said Afghan guerrillas increasingly are resorting to blowing up buildings in Kabul in their battle against the Marxist government.

Philippine minister determined to quit

MANILA (AP). — Ignoring President Ferdinand Marcos's rejection of his resignation, Education Minister Onofre O. Corpuz bade his staff goodbye yesterday and accused unidentified officials of forming a "mafia" around Marcos to isolate the president from the majority of Filipinos.

He tendered his resignation November 25 and was reported by Manila newspapers as saying he was quitting all his government posts despite Marcos's announcement December 7 that he had rejected the resignation. Corpuz's resignation was to take effect yesterday.

In another development, a lawyer said yesterday he has evidence the airport uniform used by the alleged assassin of Benigno Aquino was part of the Philippine military's inventory of disguises.

Attorney Lupino Lazaro said the evidence supports the theory that Rolando Galman was "a fall guy, not an assassin."

Last arms talks adjourned

VIENNA (Reuters). — The East-West troop reduction talks in Vienna, the last major forum of arms talks still open, adjourned yesterday with no date fixed for their resumption, a Western spokesman said.

Dutch Ambassador Willem de Vos van Steenwijk told reporters that the NATO countries had proposed that the discussions restart on January 26.

"We regret that the East has neither accepted this proposal nor proposed an alternative date, nor provided any explanation for this procedure," he said.

The decision not to fix a date for resumption after the regular Christmas break came amid a sharp deterioration in East-West relations that followed the arrival in Western Europe of new U.S. medium-range nuclear missiles.

Some of the missiles are to be deployed by NATO in areas also covered by the talks on limiting conventional forces in Central Europe.

Last month the Soviet Union walked out of Geneva talks with the U.S. on limiting medium-range nuclear weapons.

Argentina replaces scores of top generals and admirals

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters). — More than half the generals in Argentina's army and two thirds of the admirals in the navy have been forced into retirement by the country's new civilian president, Raul Alfonsin.

The Defence Ministry said Wednesday night that Alfonsin had appointed new commanders for the armed forces. All those senior to them will have to quit the services.

Gen. Julio Fernandez Torres becomes the new chief of staff of the armed forces.

Alfonsin appointed rear-admiral Ramon Arosa as the new navy commander, forcing 16 of the 25 ad-

mirals into retirement.

The communique announcing the appointments promised a thorough reform of the armed forces.

"The armed forces will be given a firm doctrine of national defence, eliminating once and for all from their principles and training the so-called doctrine of national security, which has caused so much damage to the internal life and international image of the country," it said.

Alfonsin announced Wednesday that all nine members of the three military juntas that ruled Argentina from 1976 until June, 1982 will be court-martialled on charges of murder, illegal detention and torture.

Ancient skull spurs murder confession

CHESTER, England (Reuters). — A man who killed his wife more than two decades ago was sentenced to life imprisonment here yesterday because of an ancient skull.

When a young woman's skull was dug up near his former home this year, Peter Reyn-Bard, 57, thought that police had finally found his wife, Malika, whom he hacked to pieces and buried in 1961.

Tests later showed that the skull was almost 16 centuries old. But by then he had told his story to police.

Reyn-Bard's 1959 wedding was a marriage of convenience to a girl he had met four days earlier in a coffee bar.

He decided to marry because he believed his job as an airline official was endangered by his homosexuality. The couple split up after a few months, his lawyer said at the trial.

He killed his wife when she returned to demand money and threatened to expose that he was homosexual.

U.S. battleship packs punch, but may be giant sitting duck

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The U.S. battleship *New Jersey* fired its guns in anger Wednesday for the first time since the Vietnam war, but the giant ship's military value is debated.

In backing a \$326 million modernization of the 58,000-ton ship, the U.S. Navy argued that refurbishing the vessel and arming it with the latest weaponry was the best way to strengthen the navy's firepower quickly.

But critics in Congress attacked the refitting of the battleship, which was launched in 1942 and saw action in the Pacific during World War II. It is too vulnerable to modern missiles and land-based bombers, they said.

Supporters of the big ship are winning the day, however, and another old battleship, the *Iowa*, is being refitted. The navy also plans to refit its two remaining World War II battleships, the *Wisconsin*

and *Missouri*.

The *New Jersey* fired its 16-inch (40 centimetre) guns in sea trials last year, but the 11 rounds it lobbed against Syrian-occupied territory in Lebanon on Wednesday were its first hostile shots since Vietnam.

In addition to its nine 16-inch guns mounted on three turrets, the *New Jersey* has been fitted with advanced new guns and electronics.

It has nuclear-capable Tomahawk missiles, which can hit

targets 2,400 kilometres away; Harpoon missiles for use against sea targets up to 55 kilometres away; and a Phalanx gun system for use against nearby targets.

In addition, its 1,600-member crew uses electronics designed to jam enemy sighting and targeting equipment and armour plate to withstand anything short of a nuclear-tipped missile, a navy spokesman said.

Sports

Welsh fizzle it

CARDIFF (Reuters). — Yugoslavia won a last-minute reprieve against Wales on Wednesday night to boost their chances of reaching next year's European Soccer Championship finals in France.

Wales looked set to be the only country from the British Isles to qualify when they led the Yugoslavs 1-0 with 10 minutes to go in their top-of-the-table Group Four clash.

But then Mehmed Bazdarevic scored to neutralise the Welsh strike by Robbie James, thus bringing to an abrupt end premature Welsh celebrations and to give Yugoslavia a golden chance of snatching victory in the group.

76ers' final romp

NEW YORK (AP). — When the Philadelphia 76ers play well for 48 minutes and their opponents play well for just 42, it's virtually certain that the National Basketball Association champions will come out on top. That's exactly what happened on Wednesday night when the 76ers scored 30 of the last 34 points of the game in the final 3:21 en route to a 115-93 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks.

Moses Malone was especially effective down the stretch, scoring 11 of his 23 points in the final 2:52.

In other NBA games, it was Boston (117) Cleveland (108); Washington (99) Atlanta (96); Toronto (129) San Diego (114); Dallas (117) Phoenix (119); and Kansas City (105) Seattle (99).

Squash shock

By JACK LEON
TEL AVIV. — Seventeen-year-old Alon Natan has won both the adult and under-18 titles at the Herzliya Squash Centre's annual championships, which were contested by over 100 of the club's 650 members. In the adult event, second-seeded Natan upset No. 1 and Neville Berman 3-1 in the final, while in the under-18 final, Natan defeated David Grossman 3-1. Peter Sharrock 3-0. Natan defeated John Key 3-1 in the under-16 final. Meanwhile, Marty Elshen from New York has taken over as manager of the Herzliya centre.

European basketball

Korac Cup: Red Star Belgrade 99, J. Caserta 89; Orizles 90, Zadar 77; Asitil Carreras 71. European Cup-Winners: Savonlinna Pallacanestro 87, Panathinaikos.

(Soccer preview — see page 3)

RELEASE. — Bangladesh military ruler Hossain Mohammed Ershad last night ordered the immediate release from jail of all suspects convicted "freedom fighter" meaning those who fought Bangladesh's independence, to years ago but were later convicted of crimes.

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NISSIM'S COMPLAINT

By ASHER WALLFISH / Post Knesset Correspondent

laws have been tabled. And there are more to come. Over half of the 30 have already been piloted through their first reading, and sent to committee.

When asked how the government and in particular the Committee of Ministers on Legislation could have put an unworkable law like the Law for Taxation in Inflation through the Knesset, Nissim revealed that former Finance Minister Yoram Aridor by-passed the committee.

"Former Finance Minister Yigael Hurvitz and the present minister, Yigal Cohen-Or, got the Committee of Ministers on Legislation to vet all financial legislation. But former Finance Minister Yoram Aridor left the Committee of Economic Ministers in sole charge of financial legislation," he noted.

"And that explains the results." Nissim believes that the Knesset has only itself to blame if it makes the impression of being idle.

He said: "Each successive Knesset works less and less, and the present Tenth Knesset has reached an all-time low."

"My committee devoted some 30 meetings to the Postal Authority Law, for instance, but when it came up in the plenum on the first reading, not a single Knesset

Member put his name down for the debate. My committee worked on the Restrictive Trade Practices Law for four years. You can imagine what far-reaching significance that legislation has for the business world. But on the first reading, of all the 120 MKs, only five spoke on the proposed law. In former Knessets, a law like that could require more than one full sitting day. The first reading of the Artists' Rights Law was over in 70 minutes. Only a handful had anything to say in the debate."

NISSIM SAYS that the coalition must bear most of the blame for MKs' inactivity in the debates on important legislative proposals. But he stresses that the quality of the Knesset candidates in general has deteriorated dramatically in each successive Knesset. "They want to take part in debates only if they're sure of attracting publicity. When they see they're not getting any coverage, or that the issue attracts minimal public interest, most of the MKs just don't bother with the issue in the plenum or even in committee."

As an example, Nissim mentioned the legislation extending the emergency regulations concerning detention of suspects. When it was scheduled for debate before the big prisoner exchange of Israeli P.O.W.s, it drew only three requests to speak, but when it was postponed till after the exchange, it drew more than a dozen names. "Of course they talked about everything except the legislation," he said.

Nissim observes that the non-participation of MKs when they cannot get publicity extends to other Knesset work apart from debates on legislation. "The Tenth Knesset does not merit the title 'legislature' so much as the title 'dining club,'" he said. "Three opposition MKs do the most, as it happens, to preserve the dignity of the Knesset: Moshe Shalom and Shevah Weiss of Labour, and Mordechai Virshupski of Shinui although I frequently don't agree with their speeches."

He is unhappy with the system whereby many parties choose their Knesset Members. "The present

system of internal elections with all the rigging and the deals has produced a list of candidates without the qualifications and the balance of talent that a parliament requires," he says. He made it clear that this was an "understatement" of the situation.

"The old-fashioned appointments committee was better and a lot more honest and fair," he said.

Nor does Nissim agree with the idea of constituency elections. They would, he says, put men into the Knesset on the basis of local demands rather than national imperatives.

THE JUSTICE MINISTER explained that the Committee of Ministers on Legislation is the only cabinet committee that meets regularly, at least once a week and sometimes more, and makes full use of the views of the bench, the legal profession, the academic world and the public in the lengthy process of preparing legislation.

The Justice Ministry has only eight employees handling legislation, he said, in addition to their other special assignments. Its budget does not permit hiring any more.

Since however, so much work has

to be done that does not brook delays, the minister said he had engaged on a contract basis several top legal experts to research legislation and produce proposals and drafts.

The minister quoted as an example the need for legislation to combat today's increasingly sophisticated crimes. "We had no simple answer in the law for theft-by-computer," he said. "So instead of going through the traditional lengthy process of studying the problem, which can take many years, I engaged a 50-year-old retired judge, to suggest legislation against computer crimes. He's working on a contract basis. He'll consult with computer engineers, and he'll supply us with a solid basis on which to prepare a new law, within a real-time frame," Nissim said.

Other authorities had been engaged in fields like the penal code, the Companies Law, legislation on arrests and searches, and rules of evidence.

Turning to the controversial question of the Basic Laws, which are designed to serve as the country's constitution, Nissim explained that the constitutional concept must in his view be based on mutual understanding and on consensus.

"A relatively new country like ours, which is not comparable to most other states for reasons evident to everybody, must take into



Moshe Nissim. (Auerbach)

account security considerations; the problem of public order; and the issue of personal status," he explained. "The Basic Law: Human Rights is a specially sensitive area in which balance is essential."

He said that "Israel's struggle for survival and its religious structure are the two fundamental elements affecting constitutional legislation at the present time."

"But I believe I've overcome obstacles and objections from various quarters and I've made progress," he said with conviction.

Three theories on terror

By ROBERT ROSENBERG / Jerusalem Post Reporter

HE TAKES another sip of his heavily sugared cocoa.

"Secondly, TNT was the name of an organization that may or may not have existed a few years ago. I think somebody borrowed the name. For those types, it has a nice ring to it."

"It wasn't settlers, because it has to be somebody who prefers actions to words — not that the settlers don't act, taking the law into their own hands occasionally. But they have more straightforward ways of expressing their opinions."

"No, if it was Jews, then it was a small group, a group that is led by somebody with a lot of experience and with the self-discipline at least for awhile, to keep quiet."

"THEORY NUMBER TWO:

Arabs who want to provoke internal turmoil among the Jews. What's called provocation. There have been things like that before. Arabs stealing army uniforms and then bursting into homes in refugee camps, slapping the owner around, stealing a few grushim. In Gaza in the '70s, for example, that was happening about once every two months.

"Anyway, the Arab theory isn't too bad. It works like this: they plant the bombs on Mt. Zion, and then, to confuse us a little, put one in Beit Safafa, near the mosque. It creates bad business between Christians and Jews, which is never a bad thing for the cause."

"You remember that Islamic fundamentalist cell we broke up a few weeks ago. They have taken a lot of

credit for actions against Jews, Moslems and Christians. Against the Jews, for being Jews. Against the Christians for not being Moslems, and against Moslems who didn't behave like Moslems."

"Before you ask, let me tell you. It's not that difficult to grab a case of grenades from an army truck in the Bekas, a convoy that's stopped so the drivers can take a leak or grab a cup of coffee. It happens all the time. So that would explain the consecutive numbering of the grenades."

"Besides, there are plenty of mixed-up Jews ready to sell grenades to anybody — and we figure there are at least 2,000 stolen grenades floating around the country."

"The only problem with the theory is the loose grenade in the Jewish Quarter parking lot. It wasn't set to go off. It was just there, like it fell out of a box."

"But even that hole in the theory can be plugged if you remember that the Arabs are doing it to make it look like Jews were doing it."

"The problem with the loose grenade is that it means the terrorists can afford to lose one of their

weapons — and that's not the situation with Arab terrorists."

HE FINISHES his cup of cocoa and begins to get up.

What about Theory Three?

"Oh, that's pretty easy — under-world types aren't exactly sophisticated about the nuances of Christian institutions. And they also have 'patriotic motives.'"

"It's not difficult for them to get their hands on a few grenades, and surely they have no problems in popping into Beit Safafa on a Friday afternoon — they're in and out of there for their own criminal purposes regularly."

"They wouldn't stick out like a metre-long thorn the way somebody from Kach or wherever might if they went into the village."

"They're highly emotional people, the underworld types who use grenades. The Number 18 bus starts in Katamonim, their home territory, and so they want revenge. It doesn't matter to them whether the target is Christian, Moslem, pro-Israel, anti-Israel. All they want to do is get their revenge on Arabs, whoever the Arabs may be. That's an easy theory — and for them, anybody who isn't Jewish is Arab."

"We'll concentrate on the first two theories. But the third one is just as reasonable."

SO THAT'S the problem facing the detectives working on the case. There's a lot of pressure on them to come up with a solution. At least the mayor has spoken out, if no other politician has yet condemned the attempted grenade attack. The press is full of the story.

Detectives on the force for a long time will explain whenever they get the chance that real-life is not Hollywood, and that crimes don't always get solved very quickly. A lot do get solved within 24 hours or 72 hours. But the bigger ones, the more complicated ones, can take much longer.

Indeed, back at the cafe, as we were walking out, the detective grabbed me by the arm.

"We'll solve the case, I'm sure. But it won't happen quickly. Teddy Kolk believes it's possible to catch the people who put the grenades on Mt. Zion. I agree. But" — and here he is telling me why he took me out for a drink — "you've got to understand that it won't happen overnight."

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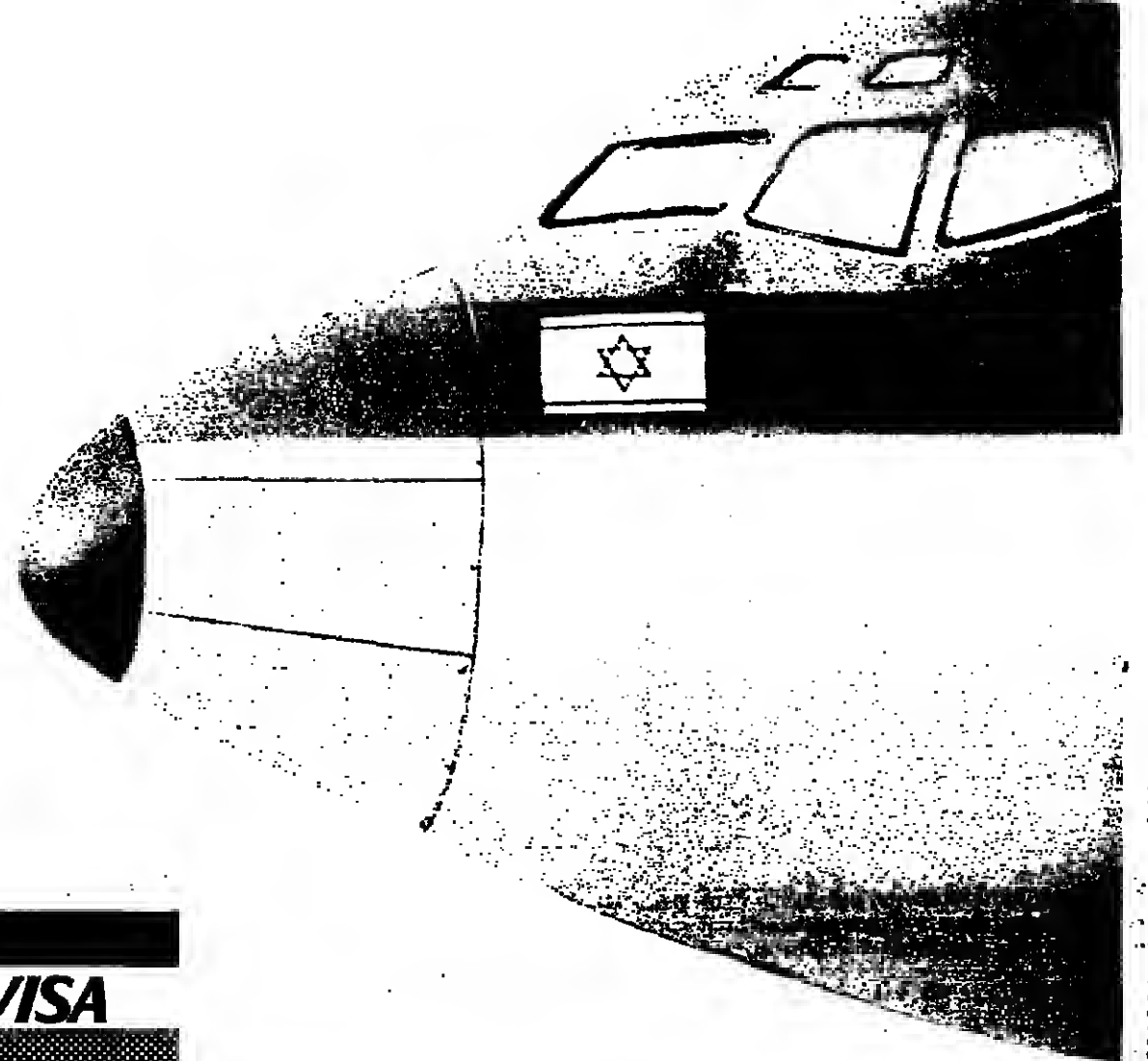
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Opinion

Depression in Washington

Depression in Washington

By WOLF BLITZER

IMMEDIATELY after Shamir returned to Jerusalem, he personally received Ghorbal and Osama el-Baz, one of Mubarak's key foreign-policy advisers. The secretary told them the U.S.-Israeli agreements did not amount to any major change towards Israel; the U.S. and Israel have always been close friends and allies.

THAT REASSURANCE followed an even higher-level stroking of Saudi Arabia. The 34-year-old Saudi ambassador, Prince Sultan, informed the State Department he had a message from King Fahd. Every other diplomat would be asked to bring such a letter to the State Department. Not Sultan. He received a personal audience with Reagan right away.

Reagan, according to U.S. officials, was urged by his advisers to inform the Saudis — and through them other "moderate" Arabs — not to be overly concerned about all the talk of a new, more pro-Israel tilt in Washington. The U.S. remained very determined to forge friendly ties with the Arabs as well.

At the same time, the Near Eastern and South Asian affairs bureau at the State Department spread the word to U.S. embassies that Reagan and Shamir did not reach agreement on everything. This was the message U.S. diplomats should present to their respective Arab host governments.

Thus, Reagan had again pressed for a freeze on Israeli settlements. He had reiterated support for his 1982 peace initiative. There had been a concerted push on Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens to tone down Israel's opposition to future sales of U.S. weapons to Arab states, especially the planned Jordanian strike force which has become a key foreign policy objective of the administration.

Just before Congress recessed in November, finding for that proposal was killed, but administration officials are hoping to revive it in the next session, which convenes at the end of January.

The damage-control effort in the Arab world was well under way before Shultz visited Tunisia and Morocco in recent days. But Shultz, a straightforward diplomat who was a chief architect of the strategy of improving ties with Israel, did not flinch during his public and private comments in North Africa. To his credit, he bluntly told them the U.S. would continue to have strong ties with Israel whether they like it or not.

THIS CLEARLY disconcerted several career Middle East specialists at the State Department. But because so many of their earlier assumptions had proven wrong, the secretary was in no mood to pay much attention to them.

Shultz, and Reagan, initially had lost confidence in these experts when Jordan's King Hussein failed to join the Reagan peace process. Getting the monarch to represent

the Palestinians was a key ingredient of the entire U.S. scheme.

Before Reagan went public with the plan, the then assistant secretary for Near Eastern and South Asian affairs, Nicholas Veliotis, had flown to Amman to consult with Hussein. Later, Reagan and Shultz felt reasonably certain that Hussein would cooperate. But by last April, Hussein had failed to receive permission from Yasser Arafat and the PLO. He said no.

Later, the then special Middle East envoy Philip Habib and other State Department Middle East advisers assured Shultz and Reagan that the Syrians could be counted on to remove their forces from Lebanon as soon as Israel and Lebanon reached a troop-withdrawal agreement. When Habib, his deputy, Morris Draper, and Veliotis were pressed on this assumption during hearing on Capitol Hill, they simply insisted that the U.S. had received such a pledge from Syrian President Hafez Assad. They took him at his word.

THUS, THE AMERICANS spent weeks working with only Israel and Lebanon to draft the agreement.

Former secretary of state Henry Kissinger warned in an American television interview that it was by no means certain the Syrians would cooperate. He recalled his own ex-

periences with Damascus.

Arens, then the ambassador in Washington, repeatedly insisted that Assad was not interested in leaving Lebanon and that the entire exercise of mediating a strictly Israeli-Lebanese accord was futile.

But the administration did not want to listen until it was too late. It was no coincidence, by the way, that these failures resulted in a bureaucratic reshuffle last summer. Habib retired (again) and Veliotis and Draper were given new jobs. A new team was brought in.

Now the administration finally recognizes (despite all the public posturing) that its Middle East policies are in deep trouble. Prospects of Lebanese President Amin Jemayel genuinely broadening his political base by bringing in more Druse, Sunni and Shi'ite leaders are remote. The marines are bogged down — and seriously endangered. The U.S. is sucked into an increasingly aggressive, no-win military role. Domestic opposition, as expressed in Congress and in the media, is already very intense, and getting stronger.

AS A RESULT, the administration, from Reagan on down, is groping for some way to withdraw without losing too much face in the process. And that was the major reason for

the upturn in ties with Israel. U.S. officials were hoping Jerusalem might come up with some solution.

Perhaps, the reasoning went, if Israel became more militarily assertive, the Syrians and their Lebanese allies might play ball. But Israel is in no mood to endanger the lives of more of its soldiers.

Given all this, there is a deep depression in Washington. America's weakness was underlined not only by the less-than-brilliant display of aerial strength during the U.S. strike against Syrian positions, but also by the willingness of moderate Arabs, even Egypt, to buy U.S. weapons.

The consequences of a precipitous U.S. disengagement, as Joseph Joffe of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace wrote on Tuesday in *The New York Times*, would be significant. He urged the administration not "to pick up the first available fig leaf and run."

In international affairs, one's reputation is an important source of power. But in this post-Vietnam era, even Reagan is unlikely to use the necessary force to get the job done. Jemayel will be the first casualty, but others will follow.

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Popularity puzzle

By DAVID BERNSTEIN

Those who view him as a terrorist monster with absolutely no redeeming qualities at all might attempt to explain this support as simply a reflection of the deep-seated, uncompromising anti-Semitism of the bulk of the Arabs.

But even they would be hard put to explain why, in such a case, Arafat is preferred to his even more virulently anti-Israeli opponents in the PLO, who all but managed to force his ouster this year because they viewed him as too "moderate."

Others, who are prepared to concede that Arafat is considerably more complex than a simple terrorist, and who grant that today's terrorists might become tomorrow's statesmen — think of Kenya's Kenyatta, Cyprus' Makarios, Zimbabwe's Mugabe — are puzzled by the fact that he has managed to retain so much support despite his apparent gross mismanagement of the Palestinian cause. They can understand a successful terrorist leader maintaining the adulation of his followers, but not one as patently unsuccessful as Arafat, who appears to

have done little more than lead his people from one disaster to another.

THE PALESTINIANS themselves plainly do not see things this way. For all his mistakes — and there have been considerable criticisms of Arafat, both within and without the PLO — he is still very widely viewed as the most authentic voice of Palestinian nationalism.

This is true despite the two massive military defeats he has suffered in Lebanon over the past 18 months, at the hands of Israel in Beirut last year and at the hands of the Syrian-backed rebels in his own Fatah

movement this year. And it only goes to underscore that there is absolutely no correlation between Arafat's military strength and his popular appeal.

Just why he is so viewed derives, first and foremost, from the fact that he has no serious rival. No one else has managed to etch himself into the mind of the Palestinians or of the world at large as the symbol of Palestinian nationalism.

It was Arafat who managed to elevate the Palestinian cause from a refugee problem in need of a humanitarian solution to a nationalist issue in need of a

political solution. That is now axiomatic to most governments, including that of the U.S., but certainly was not so before Arafat arrived on the scene and endeavored to guide the Palestinian struggle away from the stigma of terrorism towards the respectability of diplomacy.

The importance of this fact — Arafat as the living symbol of Palestinian nationalism — cannot be overestimated. And those who have tried to disregard it have done so at their peril — as Syria and its proteges in the PLO found out in their abortive attempt to unseat the PLO leader in the latest rebellion. Despite their overwhelming military strength, they were forced to let Arafat off the hook — because to destroy him would have destroyed the PLO as an authentic voice of Palestinian nationalism.

BEYOND THAT, there is something about Arafat's brand of pragmatism that appears to appeal to most Palestinians, who have never been drawn in any great numbers to the far more doctrinaire

revolutionary philosophies espoused by the radical groups in the PLO — George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Nayef Hawatmeh's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

There appears to have been a perception that, somehow, the radical commitment to armed struggle against Israel is irrelevant to their predicament, that the promise it holds, if realizable at all, lies in the distant future.

On the other hand, Arafat, with his apparent readiness to compromise and maneuver in a bid to make limited tactical gains, seems to appear to them far more relevant in the present circumstances. The hope he holds out may be slim, but it does seem more than that held out by the radicals, who, for the foreseeable future, would keep the Palestinians locked in a hopeless armed struggle against an overwhelmingly powerful enemy.

These are powerful points in Arafat's favour, and they have been little affected by his miserable military performance in Lebanon.

That he has been badly beaten twice in 18 months by far more powerful enemies appears not to be seen by the Palestinians as any kind of disgrace — certainly no more disgraceful than their own humiliating defeats over the past few decades.

His very impotence in the face of overwhelming odds has come, it would seem, to symbolize their own impotence and wretchedness — if anything, increasing his popular appeal.

It would appear that nations don't always want or need great leaders, who at certain periods of their history do not reflect their reality. Thus, a war-weary Britain found it had no need for Churchill when World War II was over, and dumped him in favour of Attlee, a man cut to much smaller scale than Churchill and more in keeping with Britain's own reduced self-image.

Arafat may today cut a pathetic figure. But then, the Palestinians are, at the present juncture of their history, a pathetic people.

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A gradual integration

By DAVID KRIVINE

AS A half-raising programme, teams were gathered on TV week by week by journalist Dan Glat — one on his left Arab; other on his right Jewish. Subsequent discussion was the attempt to bring Jews of Upper Nazareth to meet Arabs from infiltrating into township as residents.

A Arab team was reasonable, liberal-minded. The Jewish was chauvinistic, reactionary. It was appalling: words of racialism, segregation, shield sprang to mind. An Arab asked what the response of Upper Nazarenes would be if, in their city, the population of a Jewish quarter decided that Jews undesirable and should be out.

The answer given by Galila — one of the leaders of a local association intent on ending their city *Arabeis* — was the guilt-feelings assailing in Israel, you can see with your eyes," she said, "many vehemently opposing our policy of restriction. In France, they couldn't care less."

It was an admission that her case was morally tainted. Why, did she stick to it?

A TEMPTED to adopt a sanctimonious attitude. I want to pour on, because racialism is odious, is the issue, in fact, purely a dist one?

Must in all conscience ask myself the following question: If Jewish ultra-Orthodox families started buying into the block of flats that I inhabit, would I — putting myself into the boots of those troubled residents of Upper Nazareth — find this intrusion acceptable?

The answer is no, I wouldn't. Which suggests that the problem of segregation is more complex than it seems. We are talking of intergroup, not just inter-racial incompatibility.

Let me pursue this self-catechization further. If I were obliged to choose between Arabs and the ultra-Orthodox as neighbours, which would I opt for? Answer: It depends. If the Arabs were like those on the TV panel and the Jews were like those who throw rocks on Shabbat, I would dislike the proximity of the *haredim* more.

To the credit of the members of the Jewish panel, it must be said that at no time in the heated exchanges did they criticize the Arabs on racial grounds. No attempt was made to cast a slur on them as inferior beings.

Their argument was simply this: they wanted to be (a) safe against Arab terrorism, and (b) free to live Jewish lives within a Jewish community.

Does that make sense? As concerns terrorism, Arabs are unlikely to countenance bombings in an area they themselves inhabit. On the other hand, their sympathies might be divided at moments of political

tension. If a Jew were killed or a car blown up, they would in all likelihood shy away from acting as informers — just as Jewish inhabitants in Kiryat Arba refrain from exposing Jewish perpetrators of violence.

What about the desire to live a Jewish life within a Jewish community? That statement is not convincing at all. The great majority of the Jewish people in the world, including the most observant and Orthodox elements, live in the Diaspora and are interspersed with gentiles by choice.

Even inside Israel, the residents of Herzliya-Pithul are not heard to complain about the presence in their midst of a large colony of foreign diplomats. Outsiders don't seem to interfere with Jewish existence or identity — provided they are outsiders of the right sort.

Who, then, are the wrong sort? Those creating problems of adjustment. The real reasons for opposing coexistence with the Arabs is not dissimilar to my reason for opposing coexistence with Jewish ultra-Orthodox culture-clash.

Experience in all countries reveals that social groups develop their own specific rules of conduct, forms of cultural expression and mannerisms. Two groups cannot coalesce unless one embraces the other's code, or both embrace a common code.

I say social groups and not racial groups, because the division does not have to be racial. It can be between social classes. The issue can be mainly linguistic (Africans versus English-speakers in South Africa). Strife can break out between Christian and Catholic (Catholics versus Protestants in Northern Ireland).

At stake is the pressure for behavioural uniformity; society cannot stand heterogeneity. This is foolish and regrettable, but it is one thing going for it: the antagonism is not *ad hominem*.

The gap between Jew and Arab is far from unbridgeable. Human beings are flexible, hostility is prone to weaken as groups adapt to each other.

The long-term trend, in a healthy, egalitarian and democratic society, is towards concord — unless political fanaticism is invoked to keep the flames of enmity deliberately blazing.

HERE IS an example of a positive development. Anti-Semitism, the classic racial phobia, is known to be most prevalent in the middle-classes. Reason is that the Jews are a highly mobile social group, keen to climb the class ladder.

When they came to the West from Eastern Europe at the turn of the century, they belonged to the lowest social class — and did not evoke pronounced antipathy so

long as they lived side by side with the equivalent proletarian class in the West.

They managed all right in London's Whitechapel. It is when they moved to more affluent Golders Green that they encountered hostility.

Now that they have belonged for two whole generations to the British middle-classes and have acquired the sensibilities of their genteel counterparts (through what is called crossly in Zionist circles "assimilation"), the anti-Semitism facing them is considerably reduced.

The Jews have adapted to their Western bourgeois environment and no longer evoke the rejection syndrome to any great extent, just as the Arabs in the TV debating team have adapted to the bourgeois Israeli environment and would manage to blend in most Jewish neighbourhoods (as they already do in their work places).

The rejection-and-reconciliation process is, by the way, mutual and applies in both directions. When the culture gap between Jew and gentile yawned wide, a Jewish father would don sackcloth and ashes rather than let his son marry out. Now that the gap has narrowed, Jewish "anti-gentilism" has ebbed as well.

The clash inside Israel is complicated by the state of war subsisting between the Jewish state and most of its Arab neighbours. This is a problem. It would be foolish —

and dangerous — to pretend that it does not exist. But like the other divisive factors, it can be treated in two ways: positively, as an obstacle to be overcome; or negatively, as a barrier justifying perpetual animosity.

The negative attitude was given expression by Mrs. Barkai, who wanted to know why, if the Arabs are such good Israelis, they don't serve in the army.

The answer is that they are Israelis, but don't have to be Zionists. They cannot be expected to fight a Jewish battle against their fellow Arabs. And this, of course, is the point: a genuine clash of interests does exist between Jew and Arab in this country. The job of the two sides is to live with it, not to exacerbate it.

OUR CONCLUSION must be twofold: The intermingling of Jew and Arab is a process that can and will happen. But it must come at its own pace. Hurrying it may do more harm than good.

The so-called "melting-pot" process is out of fashion. It was not over-successful when the different Jewish immigrant communities were being integrated in the new Jewish state. The Lachish method was introduced instead, with separate villages for each Jewish ethnic community, constructed round a central core-township supplying common services.

Considering the negative local reactions, it might be wiser not to impose — for the moment — an Arab presence in Upper Nazareth. By the same token, Jews should be discouraged from residing in Nazareth proper. The Arabs find the intrusion of Jews into their dwelling area just as offensive. They want to live their Arab lives in their own Arab communities as well.

This inclination towards separatism ought to be respected on both sides. The rights of the Arabs in this respect are not one whit less valid than the rights of the Jews.

In the course of time — when peace is achieved — the Jews will get to be less aggressively Jewish and the Arabs less aggressively Arab; both will become more Israeli. The two communities will assimilate to common social behaviour-patterns.

They will remain different in religious and ethnic terms, but will move closer to equality in other fields — income, education, occupations, etc. Bit by bit, barriers will crumble.

It is a process that takes time and there is no need to accelerate it. A case of more haste, less speed. Knocking heads together for impatient idealistic reasons may sharpen the conflict instead of easing it; which would be a pity.

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THE JEWISH AGENCY is just a building in Jerusalem with a bunch of valves in the front. If you think this statement was made by an alienated Israeli university student or a cynical journalist, you couldn't be further from the mark.

The unlikely source of this heresy happens to be the 1985 UJA campaign chairman for Detroit, Michigan, and a past national chairman of the UJA's Young Leadership Cabinet. Now, at 41, an "elder statesman" of the Young Leadership, Stanley Frankel threw out this irreverent statement about the Agency in one of the no-holds-barred workshops that took place earlier this week at the Moriah Hotel at the Dead Sea.

The occasion was a conference billed as the First World Assembly of Young Jewish Leadership, which brought together about 150 prominent young (under 50) people from Israel and the Diaspora. It was planned by the UJA Young Leadership Cabinet and by the Young Leadership Department of the World Zionist Organization.

The driving force behind the conference, however, was Uri Gordon, past head of the WZO Young Leadership and now head of the Agency's Youth Aliya Department. Frankel's comment about the Agency was made in a workshop devoted to examining the role of existing institutions linking Israel and the Diaspora, and was only one of many critical statements made at the conference by the Diaspora delegates (mainly American) who questioned the need for the Agency in its present form.

Other topics that were thrashed out with a similar degree of frankness were aliyah, Jewish identity and education in Israel and the Diaspora, the right of the Diaspora Jews to criticize Israel, and religious pluralism in Israel.

WHEN THE CONFERENCE was announced, it has an immediate image problem in the Israeli press. No attempt to explain its purposes and originality could avoid stomach-turning clichés such as "bridging gaps in Diaspora-Israel understanding," "earnest dialogue," "active expression through new dynamic leadership" and so forth.

Since such pretensions could not be taken seriously before the conference, the attention of the media was almost exclusively focused on the hidden political agendas and machinations of the Israeli organizers. The political dimension became clearer as the conference unfolded, but there was more to it than that.

The question that struck many observers was: why should the Agency spend \$30,000 on holding the three-day conference and subsidizing the Israeli delegates' stay at a five-star hotel when the Diaspora delegates (who paid their own way) have already been to Israel five, ten, even twenty times?

The answer was provided by Lawrence Jackler, a 41-year-old Detroit attorney and Young Leadership "elder statesman." In a talk to the assembly plenum, he said that "most of our past visits and experiences in Israel have been superficial. I have learned more about Israel in the last few days than in 15 prior trips."

Another American delegate noted ruefully that "I have taken my first trip to Israel at least 10 times. It is our responsibility to lead the on-the-bus, off-the-bus Young Leadership missions to Israel, but now I've had it. Next time I'll let the Romans take Masada. I'm not going up again."

THE ISRAELI delegates, too, commented on how their initial skepticism about the conference was overcome and on how pleased they were to meet this new generation of Diaspora leaders, which included academics and Jewish social service experts, as well as fund-raisers. This is particularly noteworthy considering the aversion of the average tachlis-oriented Israeli to rambling, open-ended "dialogues."

Who is this new generation? Frankel, who is in the insurance business, put it this way: "We took over the structure (of Jewish organizations) that our parents built, but we are different. We comprise the full range of occupations and professions. We are doers and not speech-makers. And we are not hesitant about expressing our Jewish identities and concerns in public."

"We work well with the new generation of professionals in Jewish organizations. In contrast to the older generation of professionals, they have a sound Jewish background and strong ties to Israel."

Indeed, a significant number of the American academics and professionals from the Jewish federations were able to follow the proceedings in Hebrew without the benefit of simultaneous translation.

Another fund-raiser said that "we

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By CHARLES HOFFMAN / Jerusalem Post Reporter

are more task-oriented and result-oriented than our parents. We aren't interested in getting our pictures taken with the prime minister. And plaques and interviews in the press we can do without. What we want are ways to get personally involved with life in Israel, whether through Project Renewal, economic partnerships or Jewish education. And we want the Agency to be more efficient self-critical and accountable."

More than anything else, it has been the experience of the American UJA donors in Project Renewal that has stimulated a desire for personal involvement and the willingness to break through red tape and official channels in order to get the job done.

DNA PERSONAL LEVEL, I found this new generation in their 30s and early 40s to be the same one that shared with me the formative experiences on American campuses in the 1960s. I dropped out of their world soon after graduation to come to Israel, but found them again now wearing their hats as businessmen, lawyers, professors, journalists, social service experts, and even Congressmen.

They take their Jewish responsibilities seriously, but are not awed by Israeli leaders and institutions. For their parents, the Jewish Agency was the state-in-the-making: the hope for the Jewish people after the ravages of World War II. The heads of the Jewish Agency, who later became ministers in the new State of Israel, continued to reflect a charismatic aura back on that venerable institution.

For their parents, that is, but not for them. Let's listen to what Brian Lurie, the executive director of the San Francisco Jewish Federation, who is also an ordained Reform rabbi, had to say about the Agency to the assembly plenum:

"The means we have today to serve the needs of the Jewish people in Israel and the Diaspora are inadequate. The politicization of the Jewish Agency must come to an end. The WZO and the Zionist parties in the Diaspora are an anachronism. Let's stop kidding ourselves."

Turning to the Israelis, he went on: "Stop using the Agency as a source of jobs and political fiefdoms. If not, then the money we raise (through the UJA) could be allocated to causes in Israel through channels other than the Agency. We are not bound legally to channel the money through the Agency. We divide it up among our communal institutions in the U.S. — why not here, too?"

"Take Youth Aliya, which has done a magnificent job historically. What of today? Ninety-five per cent of the youth it takes care of now are from Israel, most from Project Renewal areas. We invest money in rehabilitating these areas, but the best youth of these towns is stripped away and educated elsewhere."

LURIE, who has been to Israel 25 times, was deliberately trying to prod Uri Gordon, the current head of Youth Aliya, into a critical re-examination of its functions. Lurie was asking, in effect, whether the money spent on Youth Aliya might not be put to better use elsewhere. He got no response, at least not in public.

But in a recent interview in *The Jerusalem Post*, Gordon displayed the typical empire-building mentality that perpetuates existing structures and interests long after their historic tasks were completed.

Casting a covetous glance at the millions of dollars now being poured into Project Renewal, he suggested that the Diaspora communities could shift the money to Youth Aliya institutions after Renewal projects were finished.

Lurie's challenge to the Agency's existing goals and structures also received no response from another Labour politician, Yehiel Leket, head of the World Labour Zionist Movement, in an address to the plenum later in the day.

LEKET'S REACTION and subsequent maneuvers at the conference point out some of the obstacles that Diaspora reformers will face in their attempt to challenge the defenders of the status quo.

As a clever politician, Leket first argued that he had responded to Lurie's critical remarks. When challenged on that, he shifted gears and launched into a defence of the pervasive politicization of Israeli

society, which reflects "our democracy and traditions."

After he saw in the workshop that the frustrations of the American delegates — especially the fund-raisers — with the performance of the Agency runs quite deep, Leket made sure that he would be able to keep an eye on the thrust toward reform.

He volunteered to serve on the post-conference committee set up to continue examining the role of existing institutions in Israel-Diaspora relations. This panel is composed of an equal number of Israeli and American representatives, but the Israeli side is dominated by politicians.

Leket's final advice to his Diaspora counterparts on the committee was that they could not move too fast on this issue. Both Frankel and Lurie warned him, though, that the Agency would be on a "collision course" with the American young leadership unless significant changes would be made, and soon: "We don't have time to sit around for years and talk," Frankel said.

With apologies to his party colleague Leket, Labour MK Haim Ramon noted that most Israelis also regard the Agency and WZO as outmoded, overly politicized and inefficient. But the issue of changes in these bodies has low priority for Israelis, including MKs like himself, who must conserve their political energies and resources for more important battles.

MUCH EMPHASIS at the conference was placed on "dialogue," or "dialoguing," as the Americans are fond of saying. But it was realized early on by both sides that if you want "to impact on someone while you are dialoguing with them," then you must show some empathy for the other's point of view.

Take the subject of aliyah, which in most Israel-Diaspora forums is guaranteed to provoke knee-jerk reactions that stifle the dialogue before it can get started. The spirit here was different for the most part, though.

How can we, as Israelis, engage in a dialogue with Diaspora Jews about our joint responsibility for the future of the Jewish people if we immediately hit them over the head with the classic Zionist argument of the "rejection of the Diaspora" (*shilut ha-gola*), one speaker reflected.

How can you Diaspora Jews talk about the need for dialogue when you impose a taboo on raising the subject of aliyah, another Israeli asked.

The Americans, although dedicated Jews, nevertheless belong to the generation that prefers to speak of "involvement" and "relationships" rather than "total commitment." Involvement leaves you room to "explore options," while aliyah seems too final.

BUT AFTER first saying that they weren't going to talk about aliyah, they talked about it, even for themselves. Well not quite, since the phrase used in one workshop was "partial aliyah," which makes aliyah into a "process" — another favourite American catchword.

The aliyah committee, headed by Oshra Lipstadt, a Jewish history scholar at UCLA, came up with a list of practical recommendations that at least takes the taboo off the subject.

The committee said that future UJA Young Leadership missions to Israel should talk about aliyah and meet Americans who have settled here. It was also recommended that Jewish federations should introduce aliyah programmes and "support systems" for members of their communities that actually take the plunge and come to Israel.

With the stress on reciprocity, the committee said that while aliyah could become a "legitimate option" for American Jews, Israelis should understand that most American Jews won't come on aliyah.

Most Israelis seemed to accept these terms of reference, but one jarring note was sounded by Sammy Friedlich, the director-general of Ya'acov Meridor's Economic Coordination Ministry and a recent immigrant from France. Posing as a Zionist Zola, he gave a maulin speech in which he castigated the Diaspora for spurning aliyah.

PROFESSIONAL ICONOCLAST Avraham Burg, son of the noted minister, said in a workshop that aliyah should not be an Israeli priority any more, among other things because it drains the Diaspora communities of their best people.

Burg, invited to the conference as a member of Peace Now, displayed a great facility for making

provocative remarks in an endearing manner. It was noted that the only non-controversial thing he said was the grace after meals, which he led at one dinner.

THE SPIRIT of dialogue also prevailed in discussions of the mutual problems of Jewish identity and education. Anik Carmon of Tel Aviv University's Israel-Osiaspora Institute articulated this theme in one of the opening addresses.

He noted that most of the older generation of Israeli and Diaspora leaders had common cultural roots in Eastern Europe. They shared experiences and values created implicit understandings between them that didn't require the artificial stimulation of "dialogue."

What of our generation, Carmon asked. "Our backgrounds are completely different. We lack the shared, implicit cultural understandings of our grandfathers. But we face the common problem of defining the meaning of Jewish life to ourselves and our children."

"Even though for me Israel is the centre of the Jewish world, we need each other to define its Jewish meaning."

In the open atmosphere of the workshops, many Israelis, especially those originally from abroad, agreed that the Jewish identity of non-Orthodox Israeli youngsters was a problem that required new educational approaches.

Carmon, who is not Orthodox, was one of the conference organizers, and his Israel-Diaspora Institute helped prepare the agenda and the discussion papers.

ONE WOULD think that the Young Leadership department — or some other organ of the WZO or the Agency — could have supplied these ideological auxiliary services. The political organizers were evidently preoccupied with other tasks, such as checking the political backgrounds of the participants.

The political interests of the Likud in the planning and operation of the conference were looked after by Herut MK Michael Klener. For the record, it should be noted that the head of the WZO Young Leadership, Eliezer Sheffer, of the Mafdal, said nothing memorable or controversial in his several talks to the plenum.

FOR ALL its effectiveness in stimulating a dialogue — or, if you will, an "authentic" dialogue between the Israeli and Diaspora participants — the conference by no means represented the full scope of "young leadership" on both sides.

Some of the most glaring imbalances were the almost complete absence of Sephardim, either Israeli or Diaspora; an over-supply of Israeli politicians and Agency-WZO functionaries, who made up over half of the Israeli delegation; the dearth of pulpit rabbis and Jewish educators among the American group; the complete absence of any practising Reform rabbi, either Israeli or American; the lack of delegates from South America and Australia; with only token representation from South Africa and the absence of delegates from the American Orthodox establishment.

These crucial omissions were due either to poor planning, insensitivity, political considerations, organizational interests or lack of response from those invited. Even though the assembly was, in effect, an American-Israeli dialogue, it was a success within these limited terms.

Committees on Israel-Diaspora institutions, Jewish education, economic investment, and aliyah were set up to refine ideas and proposals raised at the conference, and the delegates declared their intention of meeting again next year "to continue the process."

SOME OF THE delegates noted a parallel to the meeting held almost two years ago by the Agency Board of Governors at Caesarea, which was convened to review the operation of the "reconstituted" Jewish Agency and to propose changes for the future. It was also held at a five-star hotel.

Agency chairman Arye Dulzin referred to the "Caesarea Process" during a brief talk to the conference on its final day, to note that changes will be made in the Agency. But he missed the opportunity to engage in a frank interchange with the highly motivated and intelligent audience about the problems of the Agency.

More interest was stimulated later in the day in a question-and-answer session with President Chaim Herzog.

The "Caesarea Process" has yielded a few position papers by now, but no change. The participants in what was inevitably dubbed the "Moriah Process" had little idea of what the Caesarea Process was all about, but were sceptical that something concocted by the older generation could yield significant reform in the goals and structure of the Agency.

Yet if the young leadership allows their initiative to dissipate or become subordinated to the political interests and careers of the Lekets, Gordons and Sheffers, what they created on the shores of the Dead Sea will be nothing more than a stillborn "Caesarea, Jr."

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Cryptic

ACROSS

- Writer's work unmoved under this light. Certainly not! (5,6)
- What you must do to get the answer here (5)
- Dying because it's very cold? (9)
- He started one working in the iron trade (7)
- The whole thing's ruined if you do this to it (7)
- Suspected one might have to be (5)
- Starting less time to do this when working on the budget (8)
- Attempted to find out the names of electors for one (9)
- Sticks, being black—used for matches (5)
- Fillies? They don't put them on at Royal Ascot! (3,4)
- Pagan charms a stubborn creature to upset Christian holiness (7)
- Well-connected painter makes this a safe billet! (5,4)
- People might be clapped in such a performance of "The Angry Captain" (5)
- Businessman backing the money or talent to form such a company (11)

DOWN

- The waste of factory areas — it's ruining the country (9)
- Asked a lot for something (7)
- At all events, they should produce stories for their employers (9)
- Has a job getting a financial return from it! (5)
- Fearful these German police were tampering with postage (7)
- Dickens put his affairs in the hands of a receiver (5)
- You are free to fire this off (5,5)
- Make a flower spray with roses in them (6,5)
- Picture Mr. Chips on retirement? (3,6)
- He is put on & off, being very awkwardly situated! (2,3,4)
- Doesn't become a professional worker for nothing! (7)
- Affected a woman's modesty, behaving in such a manner (7)

'Quickie'

ACROSS

- Drops off (5, 6)
- Pig-like sound (5)
- Musical instrument (9)
- Not within (7)
- Plain (7)
- Birds (5)
- A police ruck (9)
- One bringing information (9)
- Grand house (5)
- Plying a spade (7)
- Lumps of virgin gold, etc. (7)
- Large, impressive car (9)
- Zodiac sign (5)
- Be in agreement (3, 3, 2, 3)

DOWN

- Without error (9)
- A cross-cross structure (7)
- Cooking gently (9)
- E.g. sight (5)
- Causing strong feeling (7)
- Cost of an article (5)
- High award for gallantry (6, 5)

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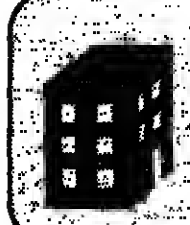
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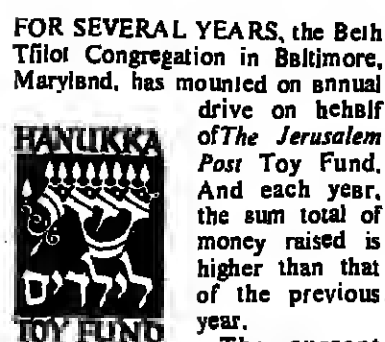
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And each year, the sum total of money raised is higher than that of the previous year.

The current Beth Tfilot operation has so far brought in just over 2,000, with the most recent batch of cheques personally delivered by Mr. and Mrs. Hessin Davidson.

Key collectors for the fund are Rose Davidson, Ruth Thomas, Herman Needle and Maris Matherly, who have apparently set themselves a target of leaving no stone unturned in Baltimore. They are responsible for the huge block of contributions listed below, and we've been given to understand that Rose Davidson refuses to take "no" for an answer. To her, even a \$1 contribution is important — all those dollars eventually add up to a lot of money. As she has proved.

What makes Mrs. Davidson's effort particularly praiseworthy is that she is an octogenarian. But age has certainly not inhibited her style. She collects from old friends, new friends and total strangers to support the Toy Fund, and she spends many hours each week writing personal notes to people to acquaint them with the significance of the fund.

Equally important, she keeps meticulous lists of donors' names, addresses and sums contributed, which she copies and sends to Jerusalem together with a stack of cheques. Each name is carefully printed and totally legible.

Which brings us to a very important point: despite our pleas, the overwhelming majority of donors continue to scribble their names in handwriting, which is often difficult to decipher. Please do try to block print when you contribute to either **The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund** or the **Forsake Me Not** campaign.

Contributions should be addressed to **The Jerusalem Post Fund**, P.O. Box 81, 91000 Jerusalem. Please remember to make out a separate cheque for each fund.

Winter has crept up on us slowly this year, but there's no doubt that it has arrived. There are tens of thousands of elderly people in Israel whose homes are inadequately heated and for whom winter is the most miserable time of the year.

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Shares plummet as inflation soars

TEL AVIV. — In advance of the announcement of the 15.2 per cent rise in the November Cost-of-Living Index the index-linked bond market put in a quiet trading session yesterday, with prices fluctuating mildly in either direction. It was all pretty much in the bag as far as the index figure was concerned, a bond dealer said. Predictions of a 15-16 per cent rise had been made by economists and stock exchange specialists. If anything, the 15.2 per cent figure was at the bottom end of expectations.

However, those looking ahead expect a December blockbuster of 13-15 per cent.

The share market, on the other hand, went into a veritable nosedive. Actually, it was little wonder that only 157 securities fell by five per cent or more. Included in this figure were the 28 which could not be traded at all as a result of being "sellers only."

Brokers and speculators alike like to protect profits, and the only way they could do this was by selling while a profit was still to be had. A case in point were the Clal Industries shares, which earlier this week stood at their recovery high of 430. In the wake of the past two sessions the stocks closed out at 368. At these levels this was still above the 340 at which many speculators bought the shares.

Trading turnovers continued to be very moderate and totalled just about 15474.6 million.

As has been pointed out in these columns on more than one occasion, the bank shares which are part of the Treasury agreement have a life of their own and are without any connection with the rest of the market. Yesterday was just another example. As the equity market plummeted bank shares advanced

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By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

sharply, and by as much as 6.1 per cent, as was the case with Union Bank. IDB and Mizrahi b were both four per cent gainers.

The bank shares which are not part of the agreement were stung for losses. The shares of First International were 8.8 per cent lower, while both Maritime issues were on the "sellers only" list. FIBI was down by 7.6 per cent.

Mortgage bank issues were down by as much as 10.2 per cent, which was the extent of the loss of price in the Merav shares. Binyan continued to draw attention as it was "sellers only" for the second session. Ten per cent losses were absorbed by Shilon and the Federation of Contractors in the specialized financial institution group.

The recently rising insurance group turned lower. Hassneh was clipped for a 10.2 per cent loss, while Yardenia 0.5 was 8.7 per cent lower. Hadar 1 moved against the trend and was up by 9.9 per cent.

"The faster they rise the harder they fall," is a common stock market adage. This is proving to be so for the service and trade issues. Yesterday the sector suffered a 4.7 per cent setback. Clal Computers was a 15 per cent loser, while Delek was falling by 10 per cent. Nikov Computers, both the 1 and the 5 shares, were "sellers only."

The land development, real estate and citrus plantation shares had a sloppy session and on a group basis were not far behind the service and trade group, as they dropped 4.51

per cent. Earlier in the day during options trading the falling prices presaged a similar fate for shares in this sector. The Africa-Israel options tumbled 23.8 per cent, while the 1 shares were 6.6 per cent lower. The Ben-Yakar option was 20.7 per cent lower, while the shares were down by 10 per cent. Property & Building was 1.5 per cent lower, Building Resources was down 10 per cent.

Industrials, as a group, moved 3.33 per cent lower. Elron Electronics was 3.6 per cent lower despite its announcement of the arrangement that its subsidiary Elscint had made with the American Xonics firm. According to the agreement Elscint should be able to add some \$100m. to its annual sales. Ariei established as "sellers only" for the second session and will trade on Sunday without the conventional price limitations.

Losses of up to 10 per cent were noted throughout the industrial group of shares.

Investment company issues had the worst of the day as their index was down by more than seven per cent. IDB Dev. was 6.9 per cent lower, while Israel Corp. 1 shares fell by 8.3 per cent. Discount Investments ended by 5.8 per cent.

The Clal Group really took it on the chin. Clal Trade was down 9.9 per cent, while Clal Real Estate was a 9.7 per cent loser. Clal Israel 10 fell 11.9 per cent, while the 5 shares were 12.4 per cent lower. Piryon was 10 per cent lower.

Piryon Investment Trust announced that it is delaying the allocation of the 100 per cent bonus share allocation until it can get shareholders' approval at the company's forthcoming meeting in about three weeks.

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Success = 200% inflation

FINANCE MINISTER Yigal Cohen-Orgad and his aides probably heaved a sigh of relief yesterday because the consumer price index for November rose by almost exactly the 15 per cent they had predicted. They will, therefore, see it as a sign that inflation will slow down again and not run out of control.

Their relief will not be shared, however, by the very many whose take-home pay does not even come close to the average family expenditure of \$65,100 estimated by the Central Bureau of Statistics, and who have no savings to fall back upon. Moreover, as they must know from daily experience, the price index published yesterday is the average for November, and reflects neither the entire impact of the wave of price increases in the latter part of the month, nor the price hikes of December.

The Bureau estimates that the price increases of the first week of December already amount to 6-7 per cent of the inflation to be expected this month. Worst hit, as usual, are those with lower than average incomes.

But even if last month's index may indicate that inflation will converge to a lower rate, any certainty that this will indeed happen is misplaced. The precondition for a flattening out of the price curve is that aggregate expenditure, public and private, will shrink significantly — and so far there are no clear-cut signs that this will happen. All the promises that the government will cut its expenditures have so far remained just that — promises.

As for private expenditure, there are grounds for scepticism about the effect that the recent drastic cuts of real wages will have on aggregate consumption. It has lately become impolite to observe that people in the upper half of the income distribution, including the more affluent groups of salaried employees, can keep up their accustomed standard of consumption for quite a long while by shifting some of their wealth from financial assets to current consumption. Even more impolite has it become to speak of the income earned and spent in the black or grey economy, which is largely impervious to government policy.

The result, however, is that, if any impact of significance is to be achieved at all, the lion's share of the newly-imposed burden will fall upon the lower income groups. And as Mr. Cohen-Orgad will feel it politically more and more urgent to show results in the balance of payments, so the measures adopted will have to become harsher.

Whether Mr. Cohen-Orgad will be politically able to stick to his declared policy, and whether it will — no matter what the short-run social cost — achieve its objectives, is still doubtful. As for inflation, all we know so far is that it has jumped to an annual level of 200 per cent, and if the wholesale price index, which went up by 19 per cent in November, is any indicator, it will at least take some time until relative stability is restored.

While inflation has been accelerated to further the priority goal of reducing the foreign payments gap which Yoram Aridor bequeathed to his successor, whether that goal will be achieved is not at all certain. Our exports are in dire straits and the prospects for improvement are dim, even if the finance minister agrees to raise the subsidies as demanded by the exporters. On the import side, much depends not only on what happens to aggregate consumption, but also on how much of the stocks that Mr. Aridor ran down to improve the picture will have to be replenished.

Meanwhile, the erosion of real wages between October and January may amount to 40-50 per cent. The great mystery in all this is what Yoram Aridor, the Secretary-General of the Histadrut, is doing about it. Is he waiting for spontaneous strikes so as to be carried along on the crest of the waves of discontent? Or has he quietly accepted the argument that the only alternative for the present cut in real wages is mass unemployment, which he fears even more?

Or is it that, after decades of dedicated service, Mr. Meshel is no longer up to the task of coming up with a nationally responsible, economically sound and socially acceptable alternative to the current policy?

Relief at Deir al-Kamar

ISRAEL'S role in initiating and helping to implement yesterday's evacuation of several thousand Christian refugees from Deir al-Kamar in Lebanon's Druse-controlled Shouf Mountains is something to be applauded as a humanitarian gesture of the first order.

With winter fast approaching, there was every reason for concern about the fate of the refugees. They had fled to the town from the surrounding villages when the Druse militias extended their control over much of the Shouf in the battles they waged against the Christian Phalange forces, following Israel's withdrawal from the mountains earlier this year.

Obviously the agreement to evacuate the refugees could not have been reached without full negotiations with the Druse as well as the Christian leadership. The Christian community in Lebanon which in many ways feels abandoned by Israel will probably see this Israeli action as a welcome sign of some renewed involvement. The Druse may perceive it in a similar way, but from their rather different vantage point.

Yet all sides would be wise to refrain from reading profound political implications into this Israeli intervention. Caution and self-interest would dictate such restraint. And as Defence Minister Moshe Arens indicated yesterday, if there were any political implications inherent in Israel's role, it was the hope that the agreement regarding the refugees at Deir al-Kamar would help promote the larger national reconciliation that Lebanon so desperately needs.

Resolution and reservations

By HIRSH GOODMAN

THE DAY the Americans sent in their bombers against targets in Lebanon, an Israeli official in Washington clapped his hand to his head and groaned: "Oh God! The world is going to think that we had something to do with it, this attack coming so close on the heels of Shamir's and Arens' visit to Washington."

Just four days earlier, that official had been one of a team of Israelis discussing future strategic cooperation with the Americans. Why, I wondered, would he be worried about the world linking America's decision, at last, to act in its own defence, and Israel's cooperation in this? After all, only a month ago the same official had been condemning the fact that the Americans had chosen to fly their wounded Marines from Beirut to Frankfurt, a journey of two hours, rather than to Haifa, just 15 minutes away with some of the best medical facilities in the world.

"Weinberger is scared of the Arabs," he explained. But it still seems to me that unless there is both a show of resolution and cooperation by the two parties most dedicated to trying to translate the quasi-peace agreement of May '77 into reality, it is never going to become a reality.

THE SITUATION in Lebanon is pathetically clear. The United States will never be able to attain its two major goals of establishing a stable government under Amin Jemayel and a strong Lebanese Army as long as the population of Lebanon continues to reject the current distribution of political power and opts to serve in parochial ethnic militias rather than in the Lebanese Army. This will remain true regardless of whether the Americans have 2,000 or 20,000 Marines there. For as long as the distribution of power continues to be based on a census last taken in 1932 — almost 52 years ago — and is thus unacceptable in the new demographic reality of Lebanon, there can be no hope of political stability.

Of Lebanon's eight brigades, two are battle-worthy. Of the 6,000-odd recruits who have been inducted into the Lebanese Army since Pres-

ident Jemayel announced compulsory conscription, over 90 per cent are Shi'ite Moslems. The Shi'ites, being the greatest potential threat to the perpetuation of Christian control of Lebanon, are not going to be trained by Jemayel to be good soldiers. For him to do so would be sharpening the knife that would eventually cut his own throat.

So there can be no real hope of the rapid development of a Lebanese fighting force that could credibly protect Western interests in the country. But the Americans could not pull out. Not only would a massacre have ensued like that in the Shouf Mountains when Israel redeployed to the Awali, or the one in Sabra and Shatila, when PLO fighters were evacuated, leaving Palestinian women and children defenceless; it would have been perceived as a tremendous Soviet-Syrian victory. The dilemma of the Americans in the weeks prior to the attack on Syrian positions was a grave one: they could achieve little by being in Lebanon; but they could not leave. In the meantime, they were sustaining casualties both in men, and in prestige.

THERE WAS NO clear consensus in the administration as to how the problem should be tackled. The Joint Chiefs of Staff want a minimal role — just visible enough to demonstrate an American presence, but unobtrusive enough to limit casualties.

The U.S. had remained militarily silent as its embassy was bombed by 240 Marines were killed, and when its aircraft were fired on by Syrian missiles. The latter is something the Syrians have studiously avoided doing to Israeli aircraft, knowing that the price for such imprudence could possibly be a huge strike against their newly-deployed air defences. But against the Americans the Syrians felt they could fire with impunity, because they obviously did not take the threat of American retaliation seriously.

Just about two weeks before the U.S. did finally send its jets in

against the Syrians — with questionable military effectiveness but unquestionable diplomatic significance — it had turned down a French offer for concerted action against Shi'ite terrorists in Lebanon. At first, the Americans agreed to go along with the French, but they pulled out at the last moment under pressure from Defence Secretary Weinberger, supported by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Though the incident was a well-kept secret at the time, the Syrians and Russians knew about it, as did the Shi'ites, the Phalange, the Druse and all the other principal players in Lebanon's madcap theatre. The message was clear: don't take the Americans seriously.

WHICH BRINGS us back to our Israeli official in Washington. Here he was, just four days after discussing strategic cooperation with the Americans, wishing that they had not acted so hastily, and praying that Israel would not be linked to the attempt. How then, we asked, could he intellectually reconcile that we want to be the strategic partner of a resolute America, while at the same time wishing to dissociate ourselves from American resolve.

The answer to the question is to be found in the inherent flaw in Israeli-American relations: whereas there are solid grounds for a strategic relationship, tactical realities often place Israel and America on opposite sides of the fence. Israel wants to get out of Lebanon, not to become more enmeshed in that quagmire. Shamir and Arens therefore went to a great deal of trouble to make it clear that in no circumstances would Israel become a surrogate for the U.S. military. Israeli soldiers would not be sent into areas of Lebanon that are not of direct importance to Israel's security.

If the Americans are sensitive to casualties, the Israeli government is doubly so. According to a senior Israeli defence official, the bomb outrage at Tyre was seen as a greater danger to the government's

existence than the economic situation.

Both Arens and Shamir understood that the Israeli public had to be reassured that the price for strategic cooperation would not be deeper Israeli involvement in Lebanon, and that there was no linkage between the two matters. Hence the attitude of our official in Washington, who must have been feeling very much like Anwar Sadat did when Israel bombed the Iraqi nuclear reactor a few days after he and Begin met in Sharm e-Sheikh.

WHEN ISRAELI and American officials get together to discuss long-range strategic cooperation, early next month, there will be a great deal of antagonism and suspicion around the table. There are differences over Lebanon, the future of the West Bank, the Reagan proposals, American support for a Rapid Deployment Force (RDF) in Jordan, the sale of sophisticated U.S. weaponry to Arab clients, Israeli demands for easier terms on its aid package — and these apart from the problems directly connected with the talks, such as joint exercises and prepositioning.

But these talks will be taking place with a far better chance of success than anything that has happened before, mainly because President Reagan himself is dedicated to their success. He apparently told his advisers at meetings at Camp David before Shamir and Arens arrived that he wanted real and not cosmetic cooperation to develop. To ensure that the talks have a better chance of success, the President loaded the American delegation with State Department officials, who are apt to think more like he does, and kept both Pentagon and JCS participation as marginal as was decently possible.

Israel, too, wants success. Strategic cooperation that would mean the use of Israeli facilities for the manufacture of American stockpiles to be deployed here, the opening of U.S. markets to Israeli military goods, and the maintenance of American ships here — these would be a shot in the arm for a defence establishment that has had to lay off workers on its

production lines recently, and forced to cut its budget by 22 per cent over the next two years.

Joint exercises would not only illustrate America's new commitment to Israel's security, but would be genuinely beneficial to both sides. The Israeli Navy is faced with deteriorating balance of power, both the Mediterranean and Red Sea, while the Americans would like to concentrate on fighting from the Israeli Air Force. So cooperation on the tactical level is recognized here, could help in the serious rift that has developed between the defence commands of the two countries, and brought to breaking-point by the Lebanese and Israeli's scuttling the Jordanian RDF project.

WHAT WOULD the Americans get out of all this?

"Well," said one senior U.S. official, "we could give you all well-worn reasons about our fear of creeping Soviet influence, Syria's growing strength. And that would be right, just as we're relating how we could use Israel as a carrier of sorts in one of any dozens of potential scenarios could develop."

"But I think just as real a reason is the fact that the president finally came to realize that America is going to achieve its objectives in the Middle East, the implementation of the Reagan proposals and the Jordanian RDF then it is going to have to strengthen its relationship with the Israelis."

"You see," he added, "Reagan has finally accepted the dictum attributed to Lyndon Johnson: 'You get them by the balls, their hearts and minds will soon follow.' See what I mean?"

The question that remains this, however, is whether the range goals are ever going to enough stress-free time to develop. There are so many pitfalls along the way that predicting beyond to row in this part of the world become hazardous. Not an ideal environment for discussing the issue.

The writer is defence correspondent. The Jerusalem Post and has just returned from a visit to the U.S.

READERS' LETTERS

LEARNING HEBREW

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — There are people to close the public ulpanim. We are both students at an ulpan sponsored by the city of Tel Aviv. The instruction is outstanding and, although the physical conditions are certainly not good, the educational quality transmitted both in formal learning of the language and the spirit which carries a love of Israel and of its paramount importance to the Jewish people, is extraordinary.

It is inconceivable that integration (social, ethnic and educational) is spoken of as a primary educational goal, and yet there are plans to close the public ulpanim, which are the major vehicle for integration.

LORRAINE AND JERRY ZIMMERMAN
Tel Aviv. Sir, — The Ministry of Education's threatened cuts in money for ulpanim and ulpanot affect me as a new immigrant studying Hebrew at an ulpan.

Not everyone is able to attend full-time intensive study at an ulpan, nor is everyone suited to this method. For us, the twice-a-week evenings (or mornings) at the ulpan provide the framework we need to learn. Of course, it provides additional benefits for newcomers, such as a chance to meet others in similar circumstances. Our dedicated teachers help us in more ways than just learning the language.

I believe all government departments can and should make cuts and that economies could be effected in the running of ulpanot, such as amalgamation of classes or payment by students fees. But total closure would leave us bereft and wondering how we are going to continue studying the language we need so much before we can really feel completely "at home" here. Rehovot. MRS. PAT HAYRON

GERRI DION
KAREN EITZEN
Tel Aviv.

Sir, — As a Zionist state, Israel is supposed to attract prospective immigrants and make it easier for them to settle here. The planned cuts will make it almost impossible for young Jews to make aliya, which in the long run can only damage the country.

JOSEF FEIGENBAUM
Arad.

Sir, — Practically speaking, the threatened cuts will cause many ulpanim simply to shut down and will render others ineffective due to the resultant overcrowding of classes and lack of skilled teachers. The long-term effects of the cuts on immigration and absorption are disastrous. It is ridiculous to expect immigrants to integrate successfully in Israel without the skill that enables them to understand the world around them.

This decision also sends a clearly negative message to the large numbers of Diaspora Jews who are considering aliya but who have not yet made a firm decision.

Steps should be taken to reverse, or at least modify, these cuts before it is too late.

DAVID MARGOLIS
Arad.

DUTY FREE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — To clarify any doubt that may exist and to avoid any misunderstanding by businessmen, we wish to point out that Haiti has been granted special trade status by the U.S.

Your report, "Caribbeans export duty free to U.S." (December 2) did not mention Haiti although we are among the first to benefit from this programme.

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EXCESSIVE LEGISLATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — MK Ora Namiar has complained that sessions of the Knesset are too short, for lack of anything to do.

In its leader on December 2, The Jerusalem Post agrees, and urges that the Speaker should "press the legislators with proposals for legislation" and "fill in plenum time by scheduling debates on outstanding issues."

Debates and discussion on issues of the day, yes, but more legislation? What this country needs is less, not more legislation. There certainly are many aspects of government which could stand improvement, but a moratorium on legislation, or at least a reduction in the passage of laws might prove a healthy phenomenon.

The multiplicity of laws can but lead to restrictions on human freedom and make life more complicated. Look what happens to the income tax forms as a result of successive legislation. Some day the whole structure will collapse from being unintelligible and top heavy.

CARL ALPERT
Haifa.

KHOMEINI'S INFLUENCE IN LEBANON

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — In an interview with The Jerusalem Post conducted a few weeks ago, Mr. Uri Lubrani stated: "The influence of Khomeini's Iran on the Lebanese Shi'ites is negligible."

I wonder how Mr. Lubrani would have felt had he read the Lebanese press on November 26, 1983. In it, one can see a picture of a Shi'ite demonstration led by the mullahs in protest against the severance of diplomatic relations between Beirut and Teheran. The beturbanned demonstration is preceded by a sign which reads: "Each one of our homes is an embassy for the Islamic Republic."

In the same press, one can also read a statement by Akram Tlais, a politburo member in Amal's "moderate" organization: "What Imam Khomeini does," says Mr. Tlais, "has the force of law for us Shi'ites."

One wonders whether Iranian influence on Lebanon's Shi'ites is as negligible as Mr. Lubrani would like to believe.

GERGY BARAKAT
Beirut.

ENGLISH SPEAKING CLUB

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — The English Speaking of the Dan region invites all English speakers, regardless of nat origin, over the age of 50 to participate in the club's activities. These include lectures, discussions, bridge and scrabble, games, trips and the use of a lending library of English book magazines.

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